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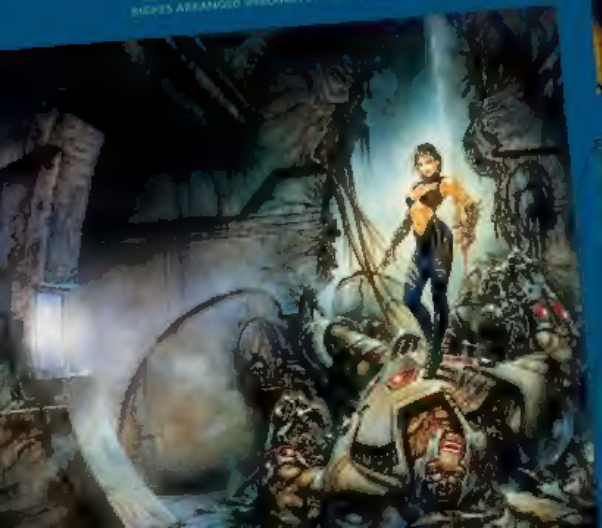

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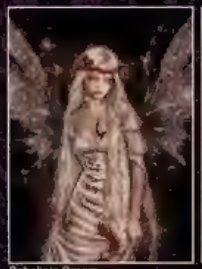
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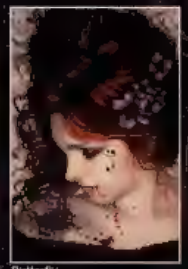
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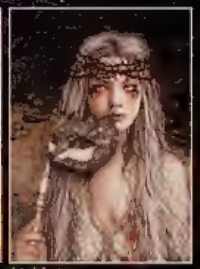
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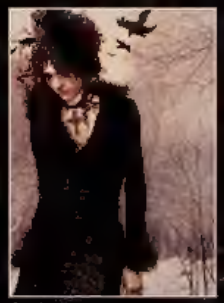
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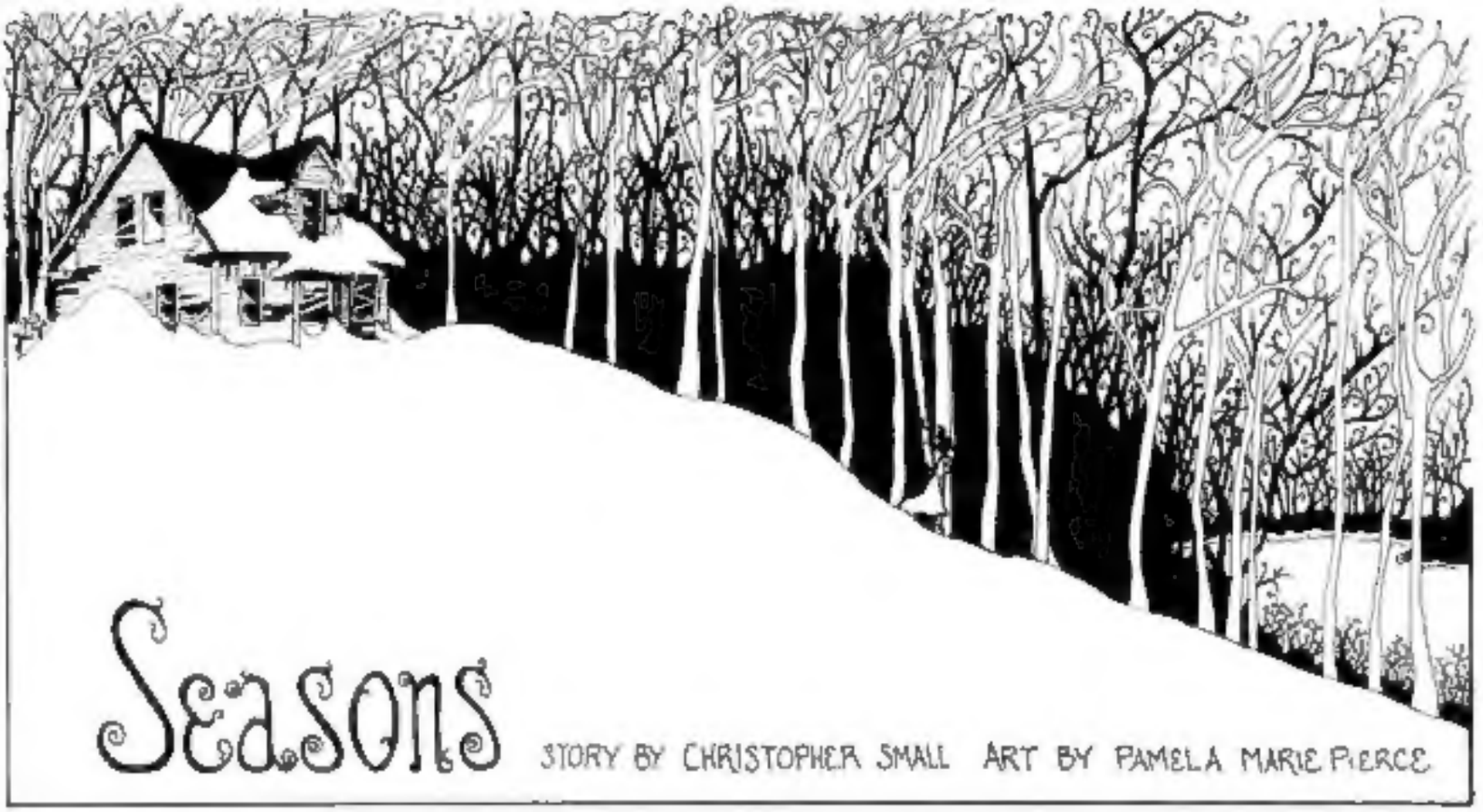
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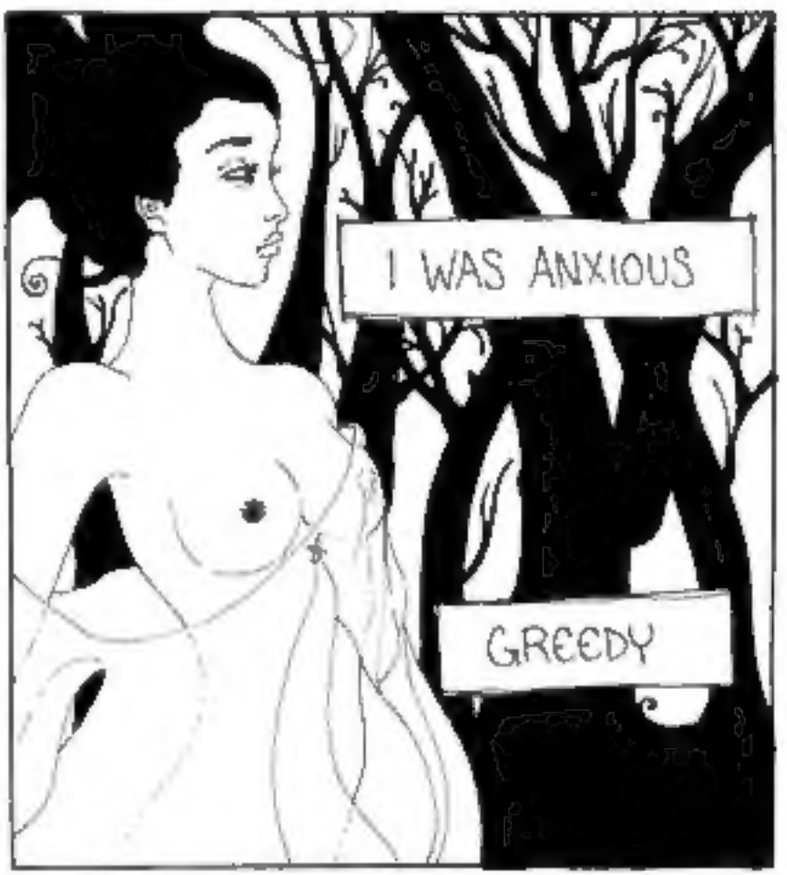
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BUT YOU WERE ADAMANT
AND AS ALWAYS YOU KNEW BEST
SO WE WERE MARRIED BY THE LAKE
WITH ALL THE TREES BLOOMING
AND WHEN YOU LEFT

WHEN THAT SAME LAKE TOOK YOU

I WAS ANXIOUS
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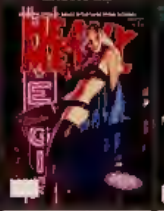

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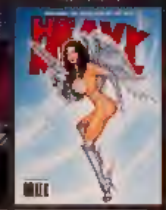

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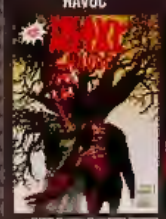

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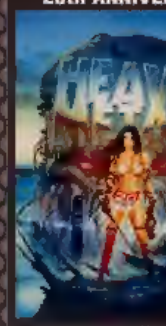

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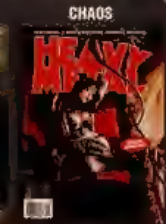

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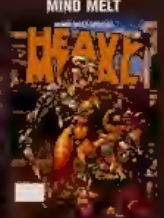

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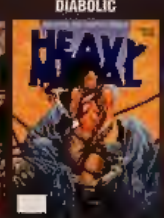

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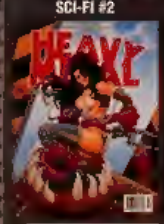

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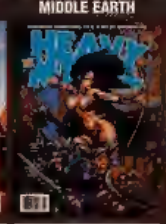

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(SPIT!) THERE GOES ANOTHER TOOTH
"JONAS'S REVENGE"
IT'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND WHO WORRIES ABOUT MY LOOKS, BASTARD! BESIDES, I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING
IT'S A QUESTION OF METHOD, YOU KNOW. FIRST I ASK THEM POLITELY AND THEN KILL THEM IF THEY LIE. IF I THINK THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH, BEAT THEM MERCILESSLY AND THEN ASK THEM TO TELL THE STORY AGAIN.
IT'S DIFFICULT TO KEEP YOUR LIES STRAIGHT WHEN YOUR BONES ARE BEING TURNED TO POWDER
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BY ZALOZABAL
YEAH, WORKS GREAT. BY THE WAY, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME AGAIN WHAT YOU WERE DOING WITH FAT
IT STARTED WITH FAT WHATEVER. EVERYTHING STARTED YESTERDAY EVENING...

AFTER A 6 HOUR DRIVE
ACROSS ONE OF THE FILTH
AND
OF
THAT
COCKR
TWICE BEF
GC SLOW VE
BEEN PIRATE
IN THIS AREA
R THE
PEOPLE
DEAD
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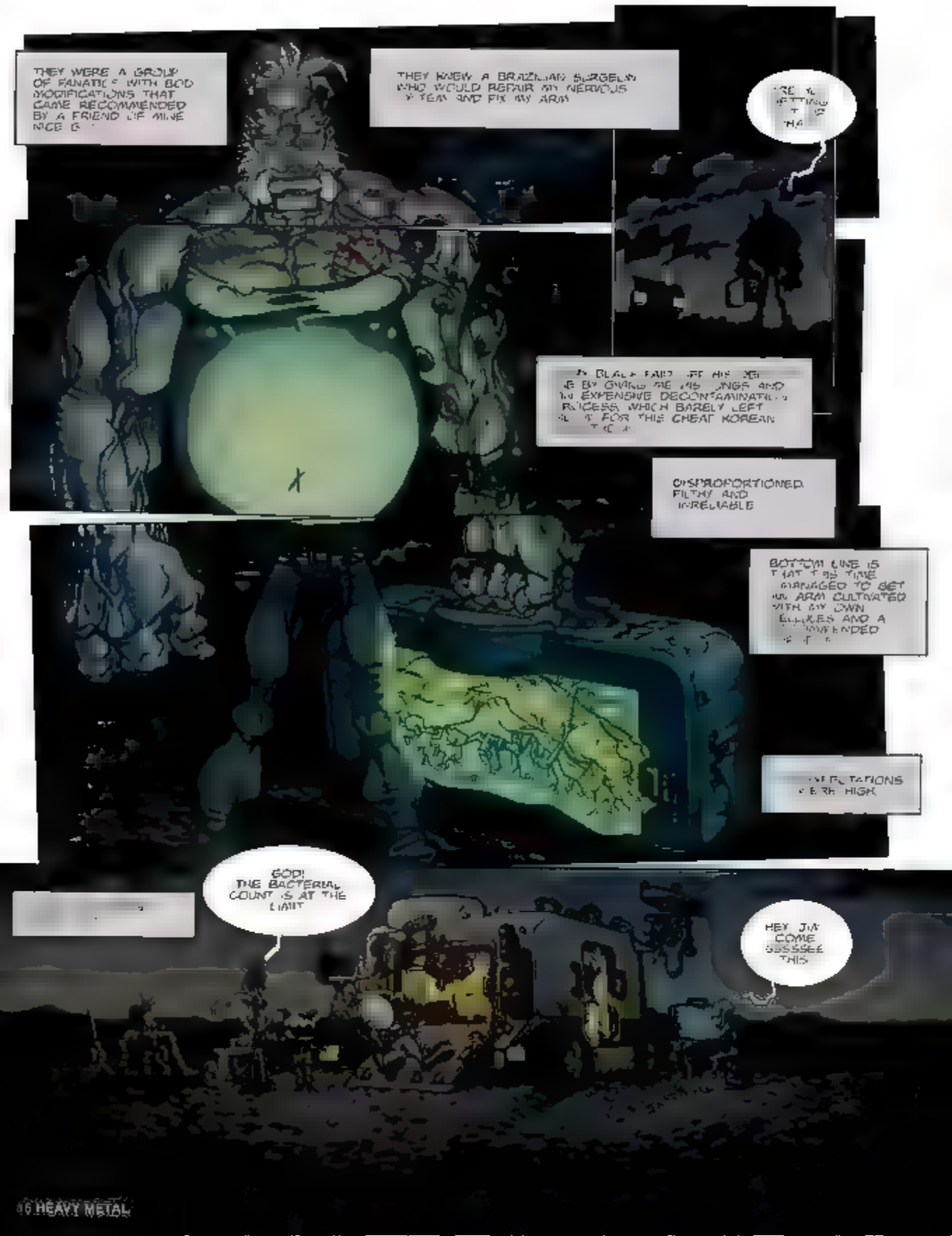
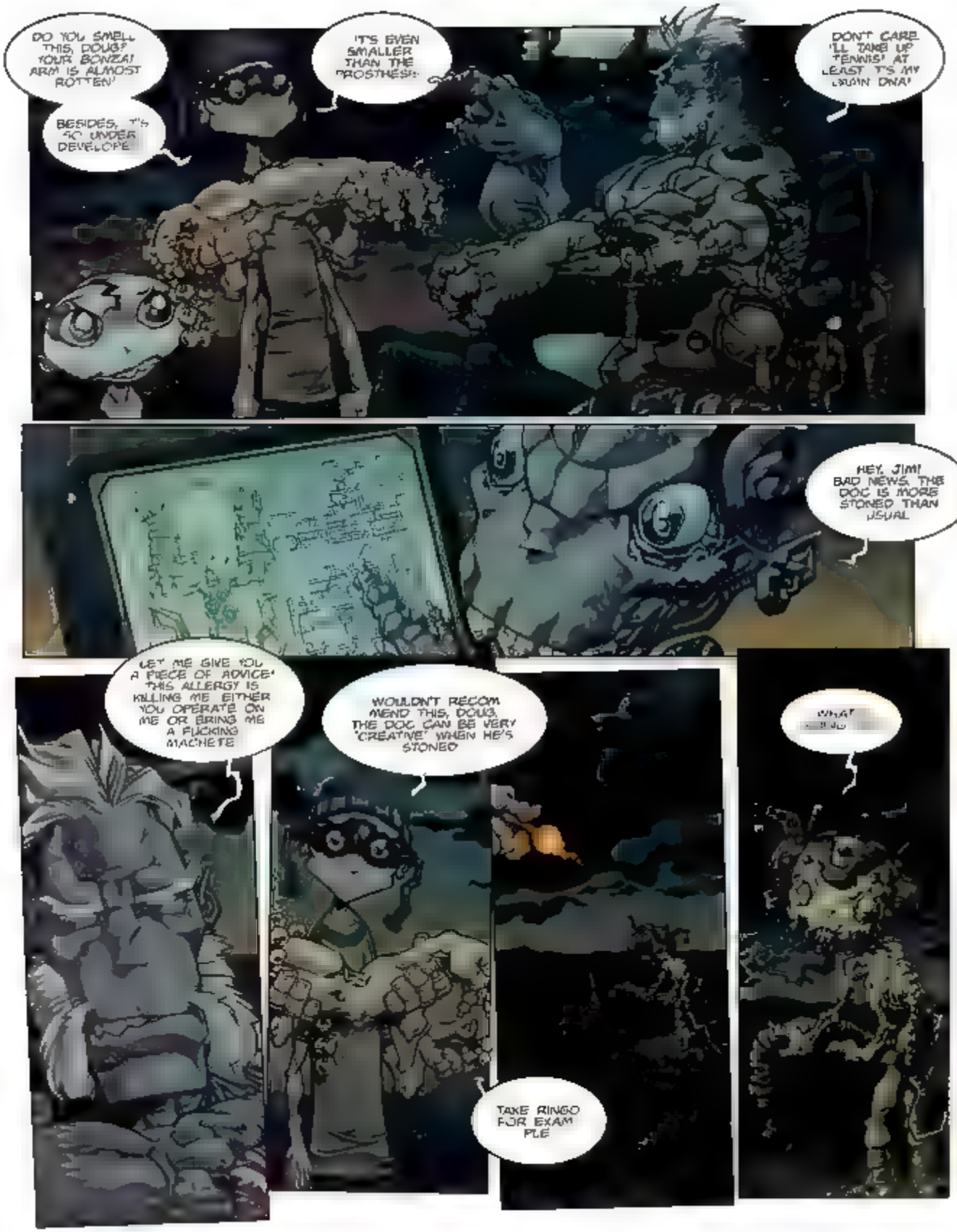

THEY WERE A GROUP OF FANATICS WITH BOD MODIFICATIONS THAT CAME RECOMMENDED BY A FRIEND OF MINE NICE G
THEY KNEW A BRAZILIAN SURGEON WHO WOULD REPAIR MY NERVOUS SYSTEM AND FIX MY ARM
DISPROPORTIONED FILTHY AND UNRELIABLE
BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE TIME MANAGED TO GET MY ARM CULTIVATED WITH MY OWN CELLULES AND A
GOD! THE BACTERIAL COUNT IS AT THE LIMIT
HEY JIM COME SSSSEE THIS

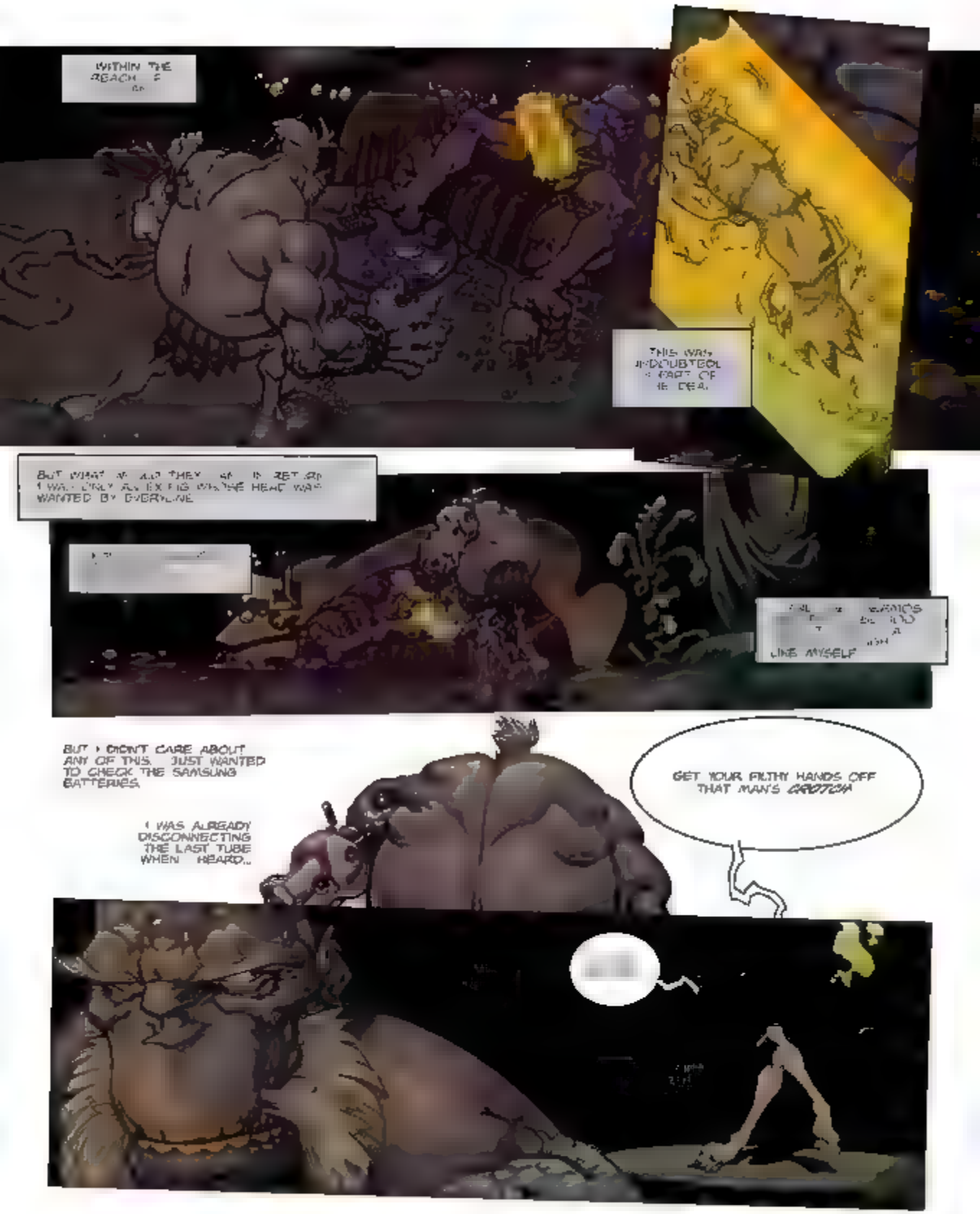

DO YOU SMELL THIS, DOUG? YOUR BONZAI ARM IS ALMOST ROTTEN!
BESIDES, IT'S SO UNDER DEVELOPE
IT'S EVEN SMALLER THAN THE PROSTHESIS
DON'T CARE. I'LL TAKE UP TENNIS! AT LEAST IT'S MY OWN DNA!
HEY, JIM! BAD NEWS. THE DOC IS MORE STONED THAN USUAL
LET ME GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE! THIS ALLERGY IS KILLING ME EITHER YOU OPERATE ON ME OR BRING ME A FUCKING MACHETE
WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THIS, DOUG. THE DOC CAN BE VERY 'CREATIVE' WHEN HE'S STONED
TAKE RINGO FOR EXAMPLE

POW
EVERYBODY GET INSIDE! SHARP-SHOOTER
POW POW
POW POW
WE'RE COMING!
SON OF A BITCH
NOTICED AN ORANGE LIGHT ON THE HILL

YES, REMEMBER THE DETS ABOUT THE LIGHT ON THE HILL. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
I RAN LIKE CRAZY, BUT IN SPITE OF GARY'S FABULOUS LUNGS, I DIDN'T GET THERE IN TIME. THE SHARPSHOOTER WAS ALREADY GONE, LEAVING BEHIND A MESSAGE ILLUMINATED BY A MIGHTY MILITARY BEACON.
INSIDE THE ENVELOPE FOUND THE CARD OF SOME SECRET CLUB WITH A CIRCUIT IN GOLD. YOU KNOW THE KIND? THEY RECOGNIZE DIGITAL TRACKS OF ITS GUESTS AND THEN PROJECT A MAP WITH THE LOCATION OF A CASINO, BROTHEL OR WHATEVER.
"JONAS'S REVENGE"...
Jonas's Revenge
ANOTHER DETAIL ON THE ENVELOPE SUGGESTED A REWARD FOR TAKING RISKS.
TURNS OUT WORSE
THE REVENGE. [illegible] BE A DEMED RESTAURANT OFFERING SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES. FANCY CARS AND HIGH-END [illegible] PARKED IN THE LOT REVEALED THE PROFILE OF THE RESTAURANT'S CLIENT

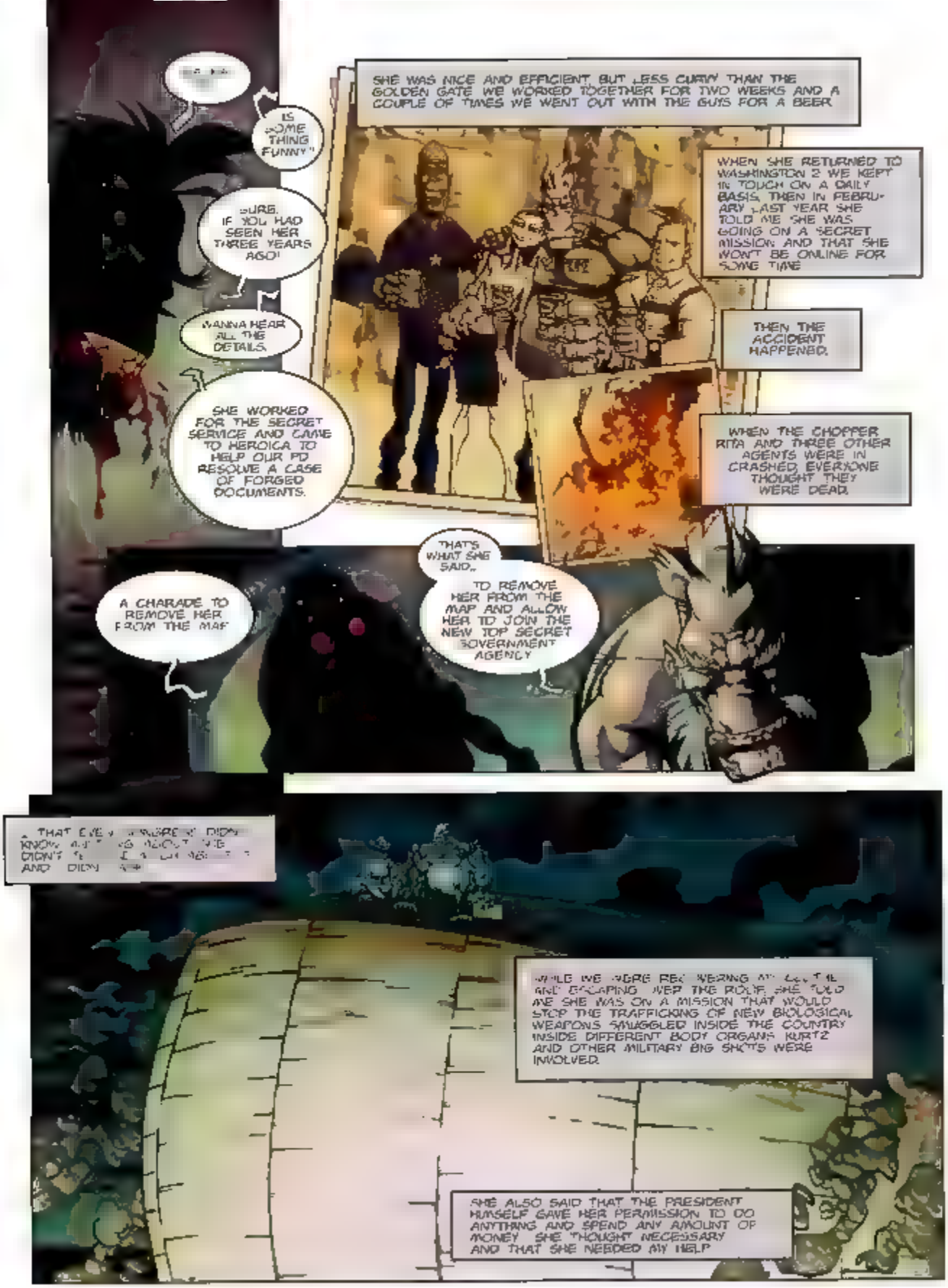
I ALSO SAW A PAIR OF THOSE NEW ULTRA LIGHT ORIGAMI
TWO BIBLICAL LOOKING FISHERMEN WITH AUTOMATIC GUNS CHECKED MY CARD AND CALLED THE WAITRESS.
YOU'RE LATE, EDDIE THE GENERAL WILL BE MAD.
INSIDE THE PLACE BUSINESSMEN, GANGSTERS AND ROCK STARS WERE SWALLOWING THEIR FAVORITE EXTINCT FISH. COELACANTH CLONES AND OTHER MAGNIFICENT SPECIES WERE SWIMMING IN HUGE FISH-TANKS WHILE THE BIG SHOTS WERE CHOOSING THEM FOR THEIR MAIN COURSE
THE WAITRESS CALLED SOME GUY ANDY TO MY TABLE. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF VIPS AND AS THEY WERE TRYING TO DRESS ME LIKE A ROMAN, I WAS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS 'GOOD IDEA.
LARGER SIZE
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
THEN I FOLLOWED A [illegible] INTO A LARGE EMPTY TUNNEL THAT HAD MATCHING DOORS WITHOUT ANY NUMBER OR DISTINCTIVE SIGN. THE WHOLE THING WAS GETTING PRETTY STRANGE

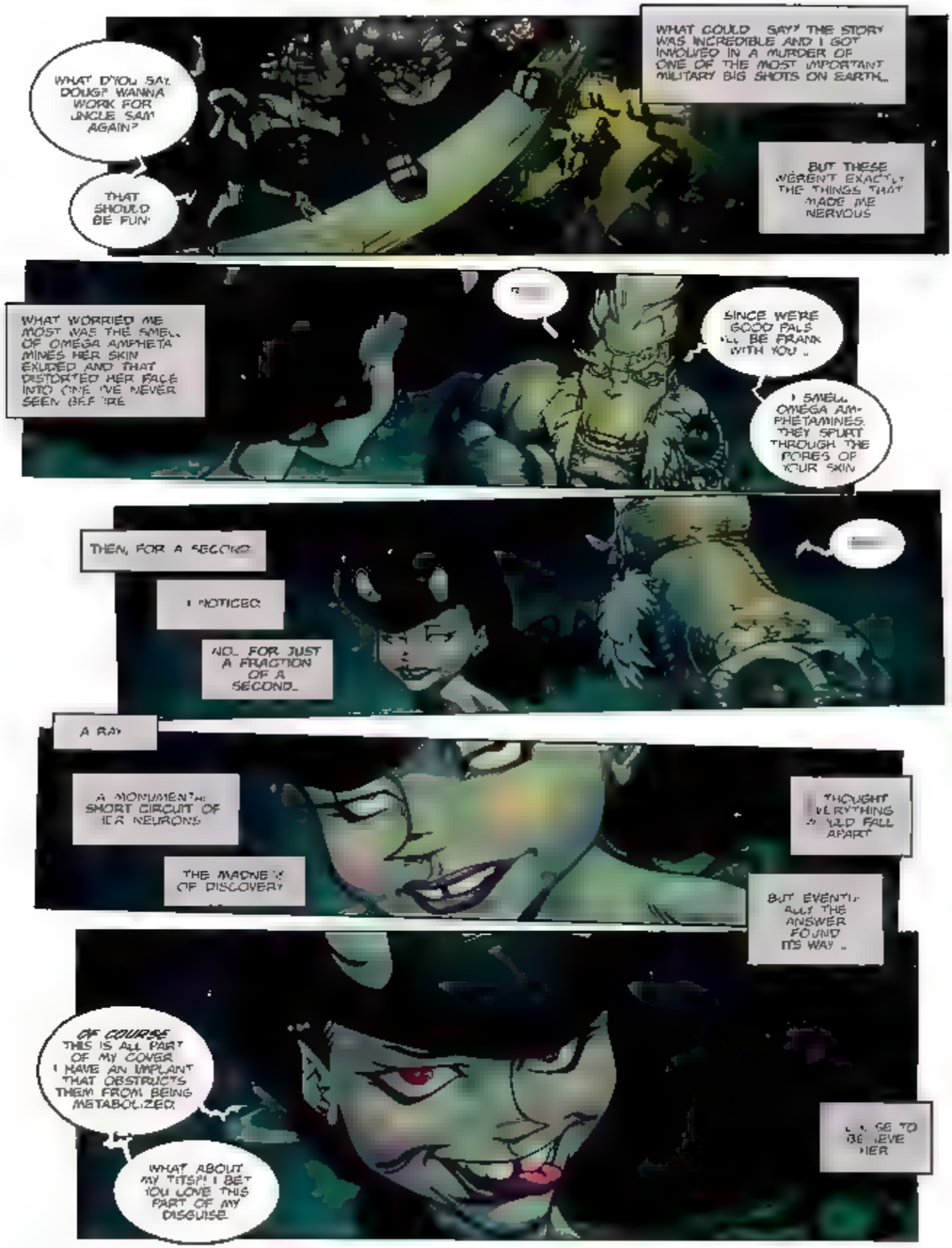
THE FISH FINALLY
THEN SAW IT BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL IN ITSELF
THE FACT THAT HE WAS THERE
ABOVE WHAT I HAD SPENT A FILE
KNOW I SHOULD BE SCARED
BEFORE THE CORPSE OF GENERAL
BUT THE
A TOP-CLASS PHOTO-ARM PUT A SPELL
ON ME. WITH ITS INTELLIGENT DNA DUPLI
CATORS, THE SAMSUNG TEARMOR WILL
ALLOW ME TO GENERATE A 100% COMPAT
IBLE SPARE PART. THE BIOCELLS WILL
DREAM
IS TRUE.


WITHIN THE REACH OF
THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A PART OF THE DEAL
BUT WHAT IT AND THEY WERE IN RETURN I WAS ONLY AWARE BIG WHITE HEAD WAS WANTED BY EVERYONE
LIKE MYSELF
BUT I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THIS. JUST WANTED TO CHECK THE SAMSUNG BATTERIES.
I WAS ALREADY DISCONNECTING THE LAST TUBE WHEN I HEARD..
GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF THAT MAN'S GROTCH!

THAT VOICE.
YOUR LIFE OF CRIME CAUSE YOU TO FORGET YOUR FRIENDS
CUT IT OUT
KNOW YOU'RE KNITTING SOME KIND OF WEB, BUT WHO'S THE MAIN PATTERN
MOUSE DO THINK T S
FUCKED HE PRESIDENT
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, DOUG..
GOT SCARED WHEN I LEARNED WHAT HAPPENED IN THE "CAPITOL"
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THESE ARE MY SAMPLES FROM THE ARMY. THEY TOOK THEM FROM ME TEN YEARS BEFORE THE EXODUS. HOW DID YOU GET THESE?
WAS AFRAID D LOST MY TEDDY BEAR

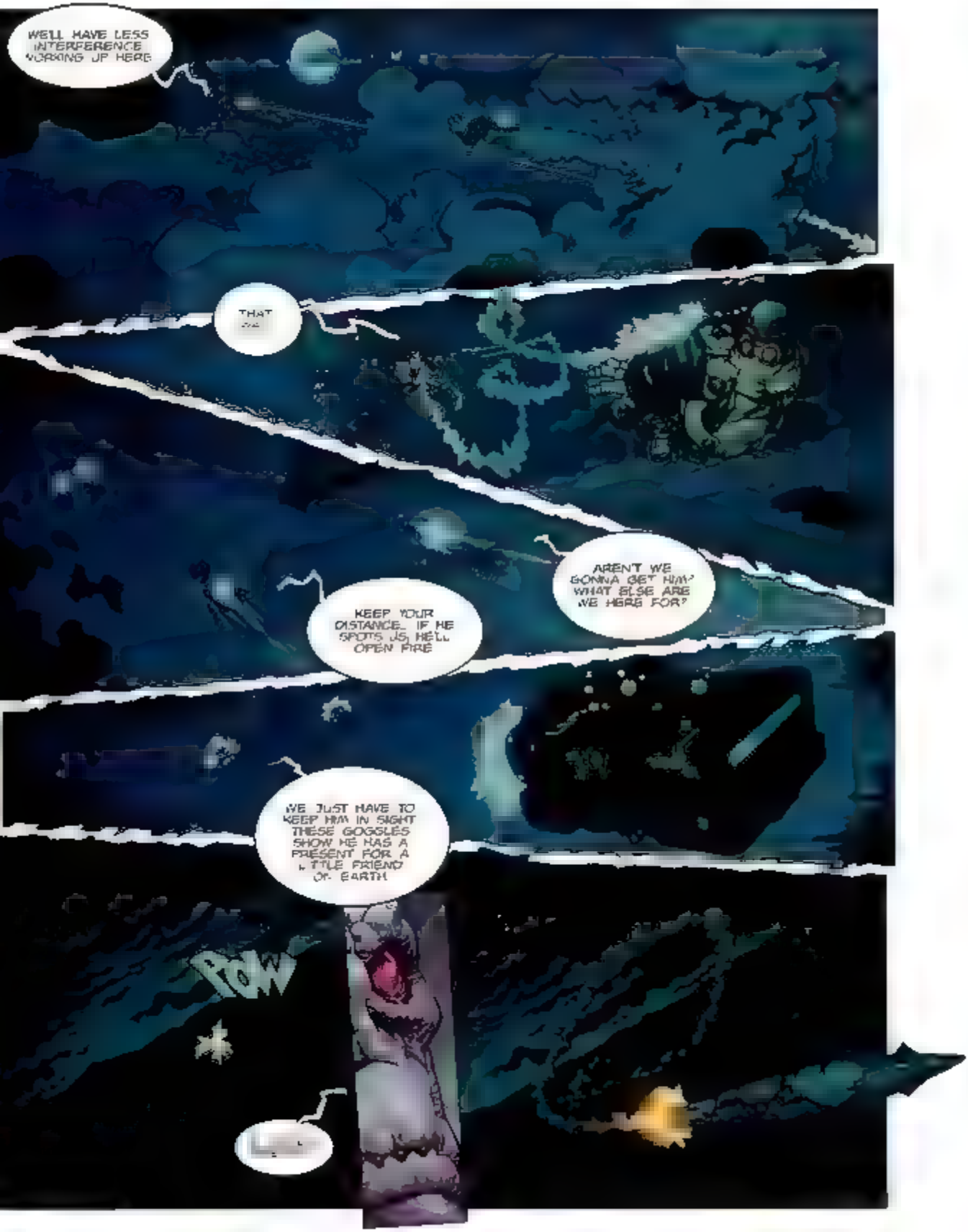
"TEDDY BEAR"
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT
I'LL GIVE YOU MORE CLUES PHOENIX LAZARO, HERBERT WEST'S HOUSE PETS
IT'S IMPOSSI BLE
TA?
I CAN TELL WHAT'S DIS TRACTING YOU THIS PAIR OF LEGS, RIGHT
WELL, YOU'D BETTER GE READY CAUSE NOW YOU'L SEE THE RE T
CLICK!
"LET THERE BE LIGHT!"


IS SOMETHING FUNNY?
SHE WAS NICE AND EFFICIENT BUT LESS CURVY THAN THE GOLDEN GATE WE WORKED TOGETHER FOR TWO WEEKS AND A COUPLE OF TIMES WE WENT OUT WITH THE GUYS FOR A BEER
WHEN SHE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON 2 WE KEPT IN TOUCH ON A DAILY BASIS, THEN IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS GOING ON A SECRET MISSION AND THAT SHE WON'T BE ONLINE FOR SOME TIME
SURE. IF YOU HAD SEEN HER THREE YEARS AGO!
WANNA HEAR ALL THE DETAILS
THEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.
SHE WORKED FOR THE SECRET SERVICE AND CAME TO HEROICA TO HELP OUR PD RESOLVE A CASE OF FORGED DOCUMENTS.
WHEN THE CHOPPER RITA AND THREE OTHER AGENTS WERE IN CRASHED, EVERYONE THOUGHT THEY WERE DEAD.
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...
A CHARADE TO REMOVE HER FROM THE MAP
TO REMOVE HER FROM THE MAP AND ALLOW HER TO JOIN THE NEW TOP SECRET GOVERNMENT AGENCY
WHILE WE WERE BEE WEARING AT [illegible] AND ESCAPING WEP THE POLICE, SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS ON A MISSION THAT WOULD STOP THE TRAFFICKING OF NEW BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS SMUGGLED INSIDE THE COUNTRY INSIDE DIFFERENT BODY ORGANS KURTZ AND OTHER MILITARY BIG SHOTS WERE INVOLVED.
SHE ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF GAVE HER PERMISSION TO DO ANYTHING AND SPEND ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY SHE THOUGHT NECESSARY AND THAT SHE NEEDED MY HELP


WHAT D'YOU SAY, DOUG? WANNA WORK FOR UNCLE SAM AGAIN?
THAT SHOULD BE FUN!
WHAT COULD SAY? THE STORY WAS INCREDIBLE AND I GOT INVOLVED IN A MURDER OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY BIG SHOTS ON EARTH...
BUT THESE WEREN'T EXACTLY THE THINGS THAT MADE ME NERVOUS
WHAT WORRIED ME MOST WAS THE SMELL OF OMEGA AMPHETAMINES HER SKIN EXUDED AND THAT DISTORTED HER FACE INTO ONE I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
SINCE WE'RE GOOD PALS I'LL BE FRANK WITH YOU...
I SMELL OMEGA AMPHETAMINES. THEY SPURT THROUGH THE PORES OF YOUR SKIN
THEN, FOR A SECOND
I NOTICED
NO... FOR JUST A FRACTION OF A SECOND...
A RAY
A MONUMENTAL SHORT CIRCUIT OF ICE NEURONS
THE MADNESS OF DISCOVERY
I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD FALL APART
BUT EVENTUALLY THE ANSWER FOUND ITS WAY...
OF COURSE THIS IS ALL PART OF MY COVER I HAVE AN IMPLANT THAT OBSTRUCTS THEM FROM BEING METABOLIZED
WHAT ABOUT MY TITS?! I BET YOU LOVE THIS PART OF MY DISGUISE
...GE TO BE...EVE HER

BECAUSE IT WAS CLEAR WANTED MORE FUNDS FROM YOU AND YOU WERE DESPERATE... REMEMBER THAT
BUT WHAT EXACTLY DID THEY EXPECT FROM YOU?
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO INFILTRATE A "CLANDESTINE CLINIC," AND THAT MY BAD REPUTATION AND MY URGENT NEED FOR A SURGEON WOULD BE A PERFECT DISGUISE
THEN WE PICKED UP A FEW MEMBERS OF THE GROUP RITA HAD HIDDEN UNDER THE FLOOR
WE'LL START BY INTERCEPTING THE CARGO THAT KURTZ WANTED TO SELL TODAY.
IT'S ALMOST TIME...
HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED HOW TO HANDLE THE BACKPACK.
ARE YOU SURE THIS THING WILL FUNCTION? I'M NOT FOND OF CARRYING A NUCLEAR BOMB ON MY BACK.
DON'T WORRY
THESE ARE ALREADY TESTED MILITARY PROTOTYPES
ONCE OR TWICE
IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES A ROBOT FROM THE SERVICE WILL BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE TO THE GENERAL'S ROOM, AND THERE THEY'LL FIND HIS BODY.
THEN THEY'LL ALERT THE MARINES.
SHIT
THAT ARE WAITING FOR HIM IN AN ARMORED VEHICLE 200 METERS AWAY FROM THE PARKING LOT
TWO GUYS ARE COMING THIS WAY.
AND THE THIRD WILL GET A REWARD.
THEY CALLED THEM.

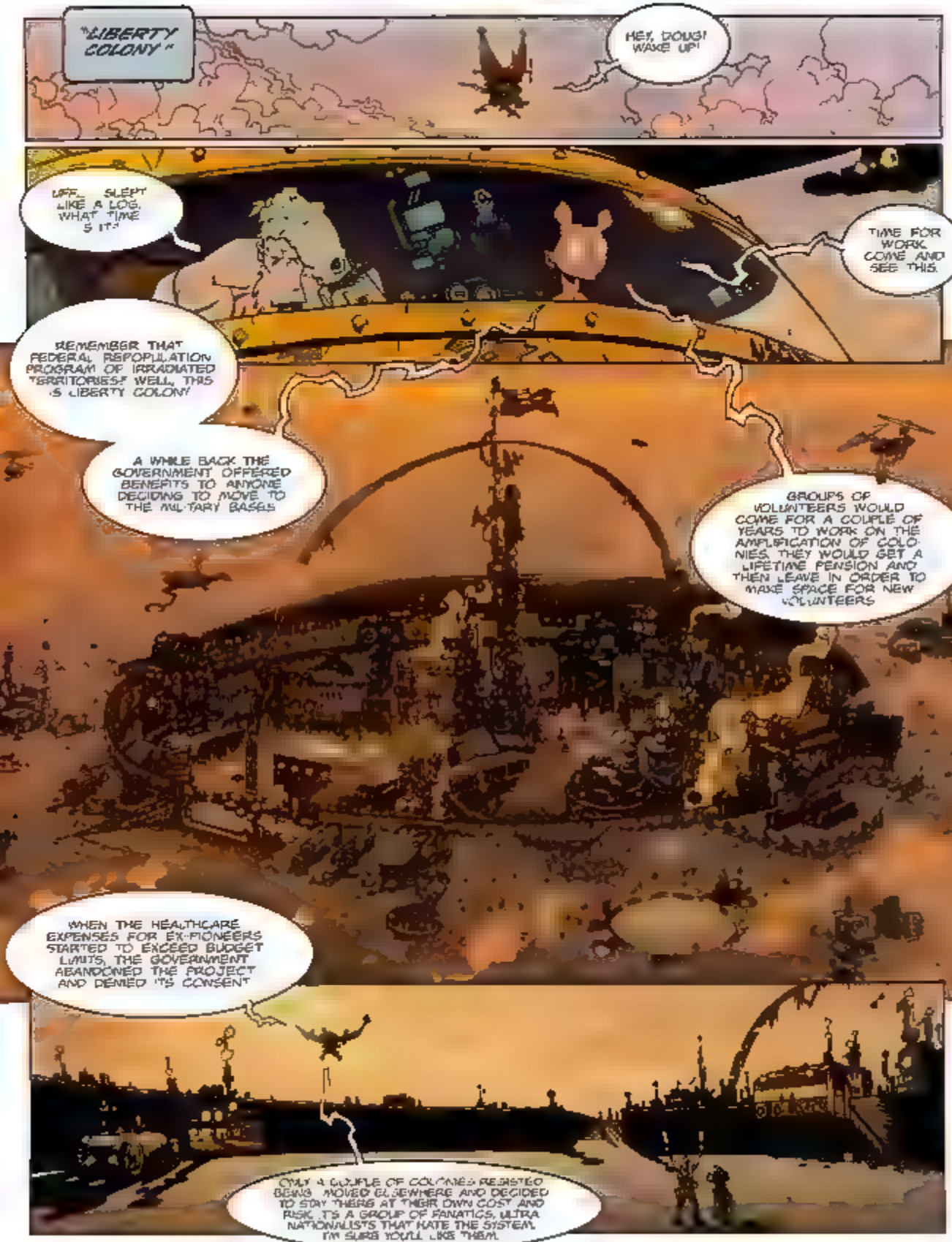
USE THE GOGGLES... IT'S INVISIBLE TO THE COMMON EYE
IN SUCH A HURR
COME ON, LET'S GET HIM, DOUG!


WELL HAVE LESS INTERFERENCE WORKING UP HERE
THAT
AREN'T WE GONNA GET HIM? WHAT ELSE ARE WE HERE FOR?
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE... IF HE SPOTS US, HE'LL OPEN FIRE
WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP HIM IN SIGHT THESE GOGGLES SHOW HE HAS A PRESENT FOR A LITTLE FRIEND OF EARTH
POW

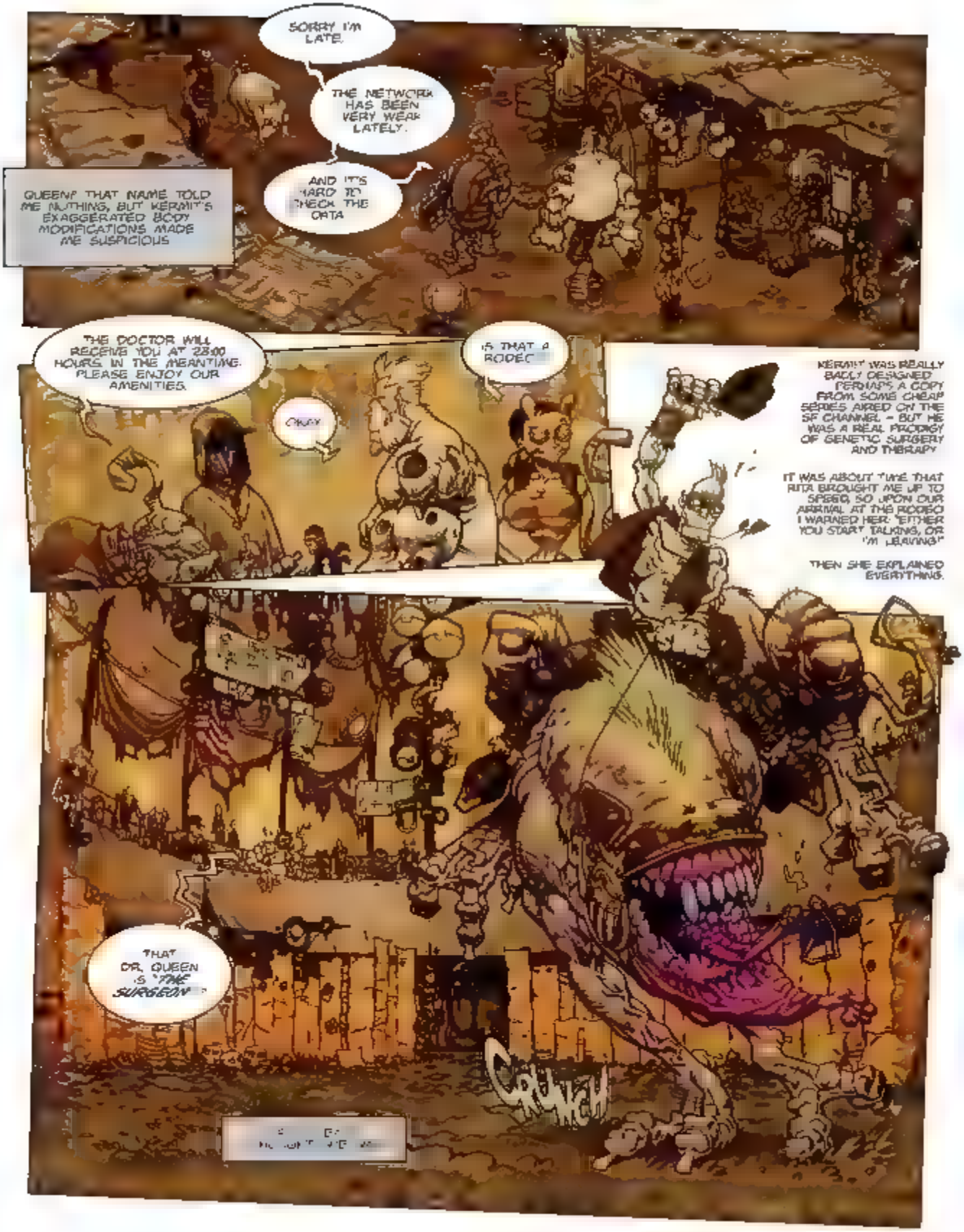
KROOM!
THE [illegible] MARK DEAD [illegible]
THE ARMORED VEHICLE CAUGHT FIRE AND RITA WAS BEHIND IT
KRA
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE DOUG
[illegible] DEFINITELY WASN'T THE RITA REMEMBER
KRAWEE!
RITA!
KRASK!

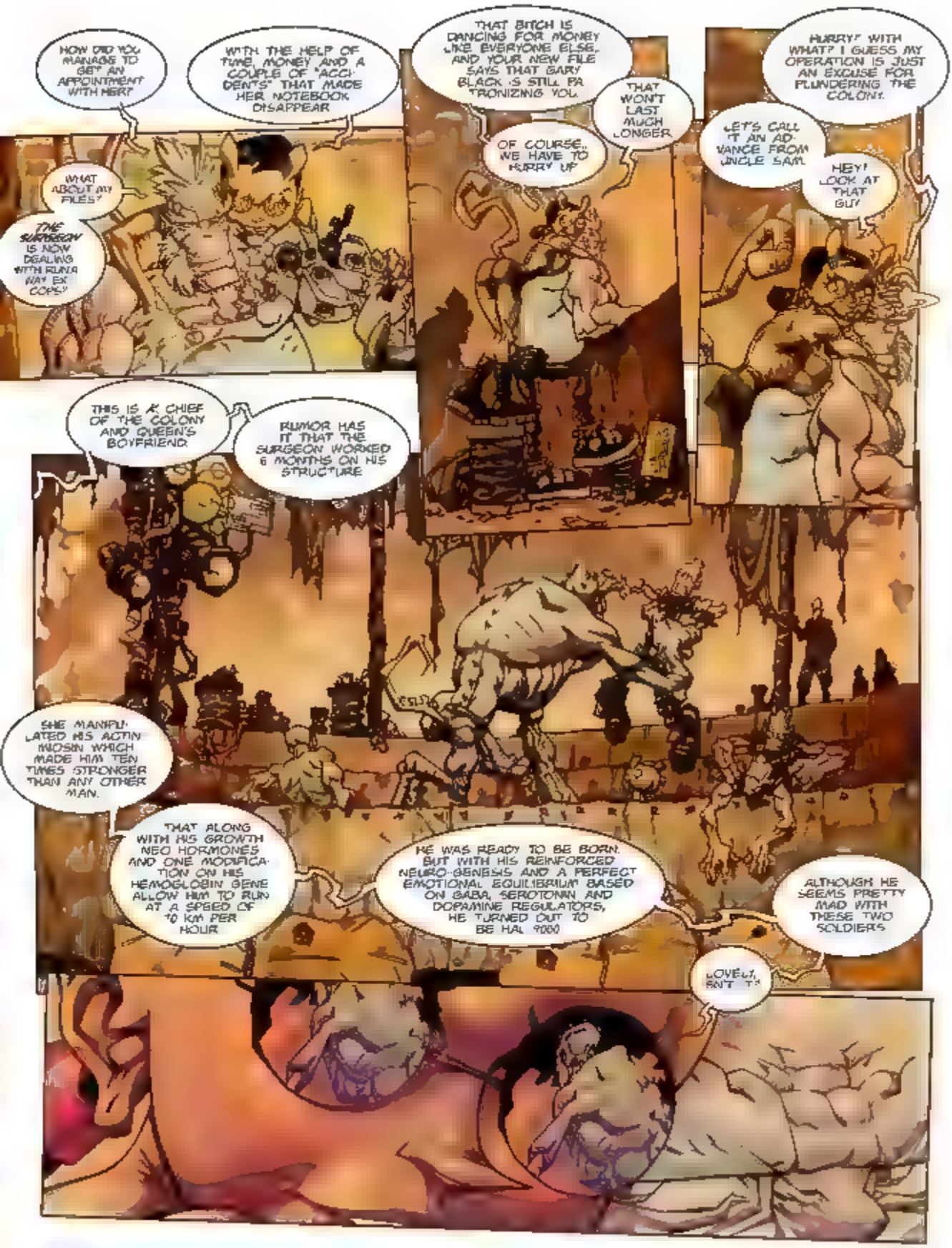
CRASH!
GOOD HEAVENS, RITA. YOU'LL GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK
NOW WHAT...
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE KURT'S PALS START MISSING THEIR ARMORED VEHICLE
WHAT'S IN THE BOX?
WELL WAIT A LITTLE. A PROGRAMMED VEHICLE WILL PICK US UP VERY SOON.
CALM DOWN.
MONEY? BISCUITS? BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS HIDDEN IN ORGANS OF SOME TEENAGE GIRL FROM MISSISSIPPI?

WHAT WAS THE THIRD OPTION?
VERY FUNNY
ATEA
IS THIS THING OUR TRANSPORTATION?
PERFECT
RIGHT ON TIME
NO ONE WILL DISTURB US ON THIS PLANE.. IT BELONGS TO THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY
WE'RE ALLOWED TO PLOUGH THROUGH SKIES ALL OVER THE NATION
. AND IS MONITORING THE MOVEMENTS OF "WARM" CLOUDS.
WHY DON'T YOU GO IN THE BACK, EAT SOMETHING AND HAVE A NAP? I'LL WAKE YOU UP WHEN WE ARRIVE

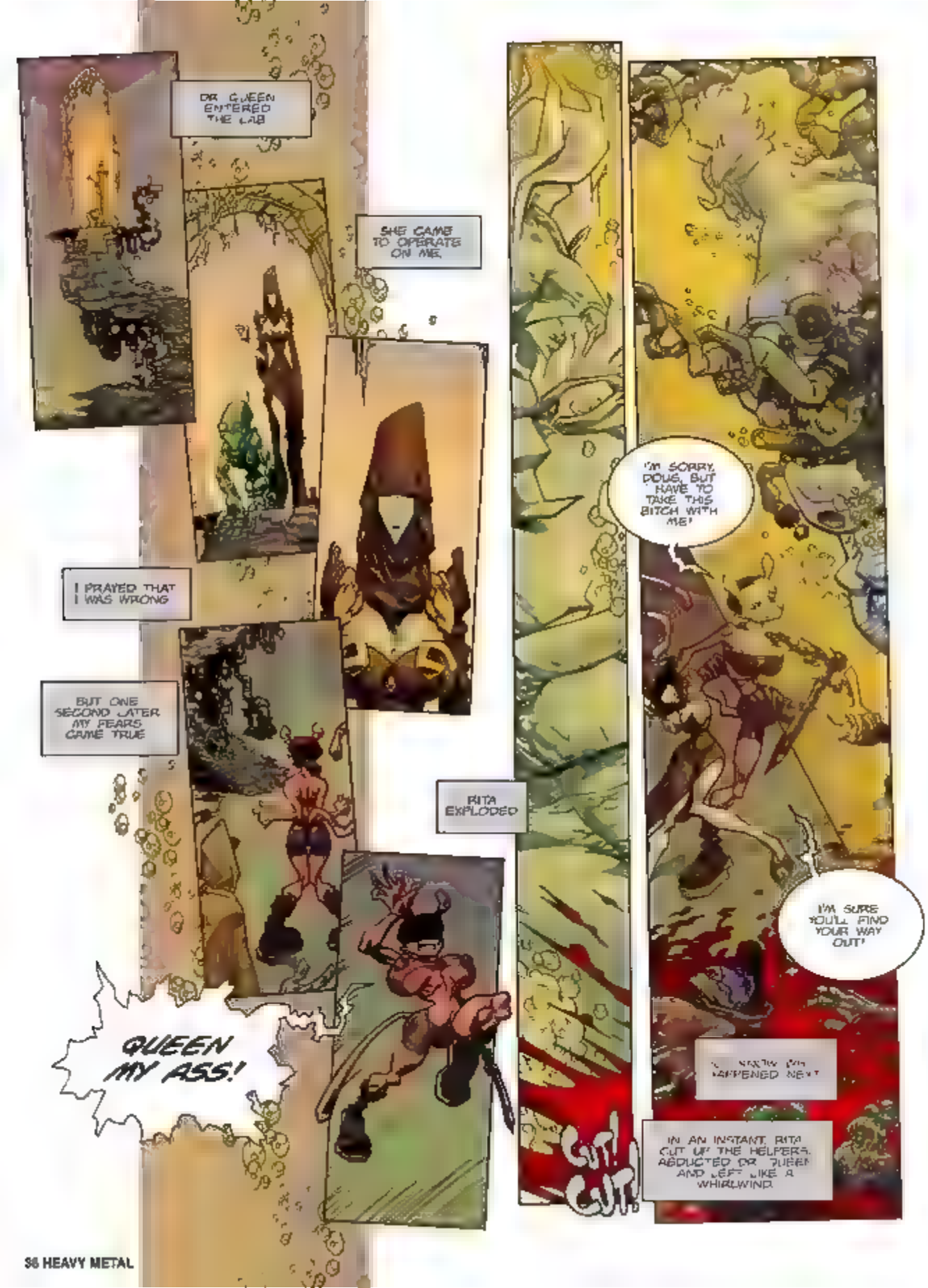

"LIBERTY COLONY"
HEY, DOUG! WAKE UP!
UFF... SLEPT LIKE A LOG. WHAT TIME S IT?
TIME FOR WORK. COME AND SEE THIS.
REMEMBER THAT FEDERAL REPOPULATION PROGRAM OF IRRADIATED TERRITORIES? WELL, THIS S LIBERTY COLONY
A WHILE BACK THE GOVERNMENT OFFERED BENEFITS TO ANYONE DECIDING TO MOVE TO THE MILITARY BASES
GROUPS OF VOLUNTEERS WOULD COME FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS TO WORK ON THE AMPLIFICATION OF COLONIES. THEY WOULD GET A LIFETIME PENSION AND THEN LEAVE IN ORDER TO MAKE SPACE FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS
WHEN THE HEALTHCARE EXPENSES FOR EX-PIONEERS STARTED TO EXCEED BUDGET LIMITS, THE GOVERNMENT ABANDONED THE PROJECT AND DENIED ITS CONSENT
ONLY A COUPLE OF COLONIES REJECTED BEING MOVED ELSEWHERE AND DECIDED TO STAY THERE AT THEIR OWN COST AND RISK. IT'S A GROUP OF FANATICS, ULTRA NATIONALISTS THAT HATE THE SYSTEM. I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE THEM.

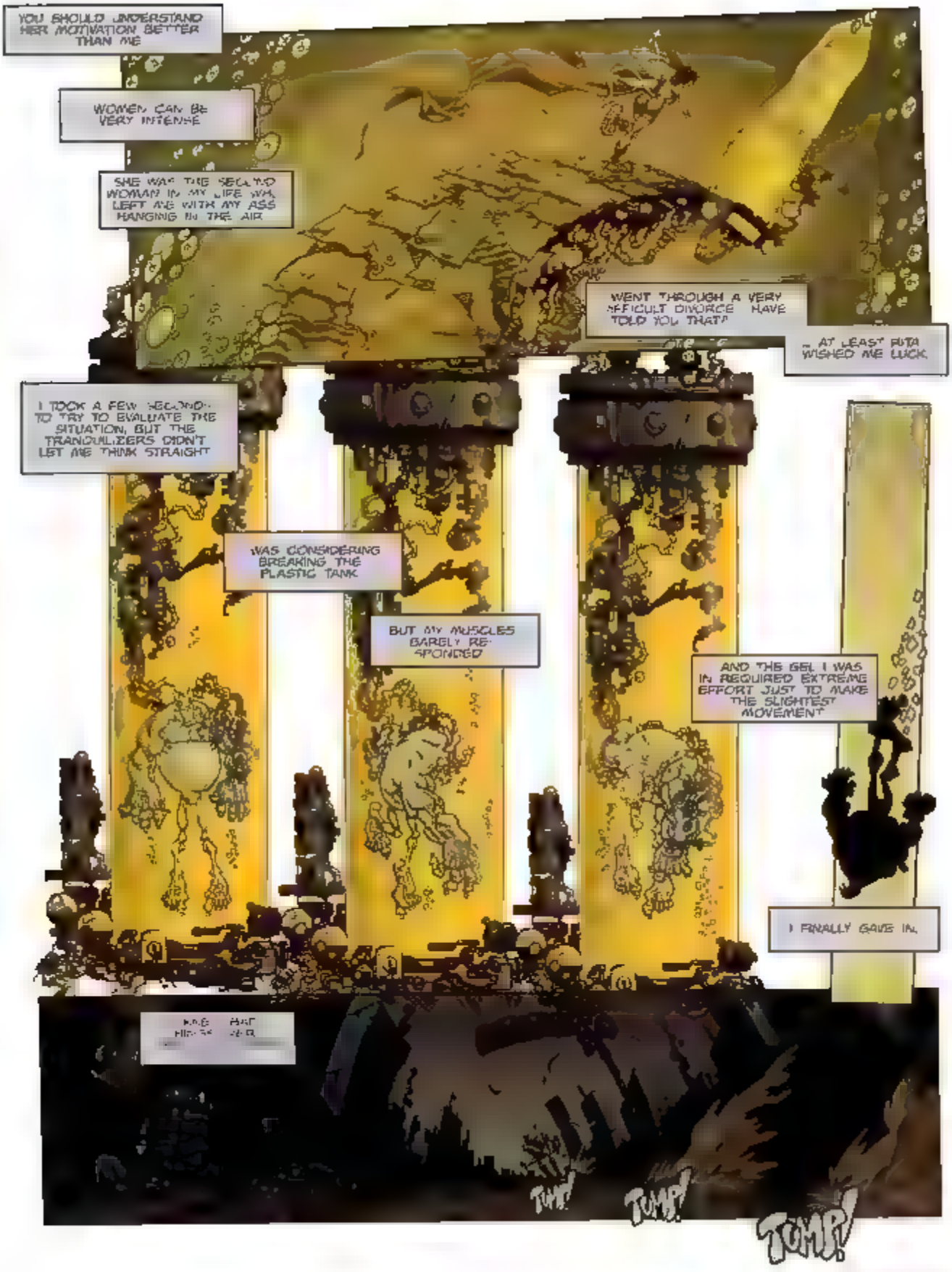
WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE?
MMMM
THE DOME WILL SHUT DOWN AT SUNSET WE'RE EXPECTING "WARM" RAINFALLS DURING THE NIGHT
GOD BLESS AMERICA!
COME ON, RITA! CAN'T HELP YOU IF YOU KEEP ME IN THE DARK
CALM DOWN. YOU'RE DOING YOUR PART OF THE JOB PERFECTLY.
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME
ATTENTION, PATRIOTS!
WHAT ARE THESE GUYS
WELCOME
I'M KERMIT AND HE'S CHIMPO. WE BOTH WORK FOR DR. QUEEN.
PLEASE COME WITH US, MR. BALTHUS.

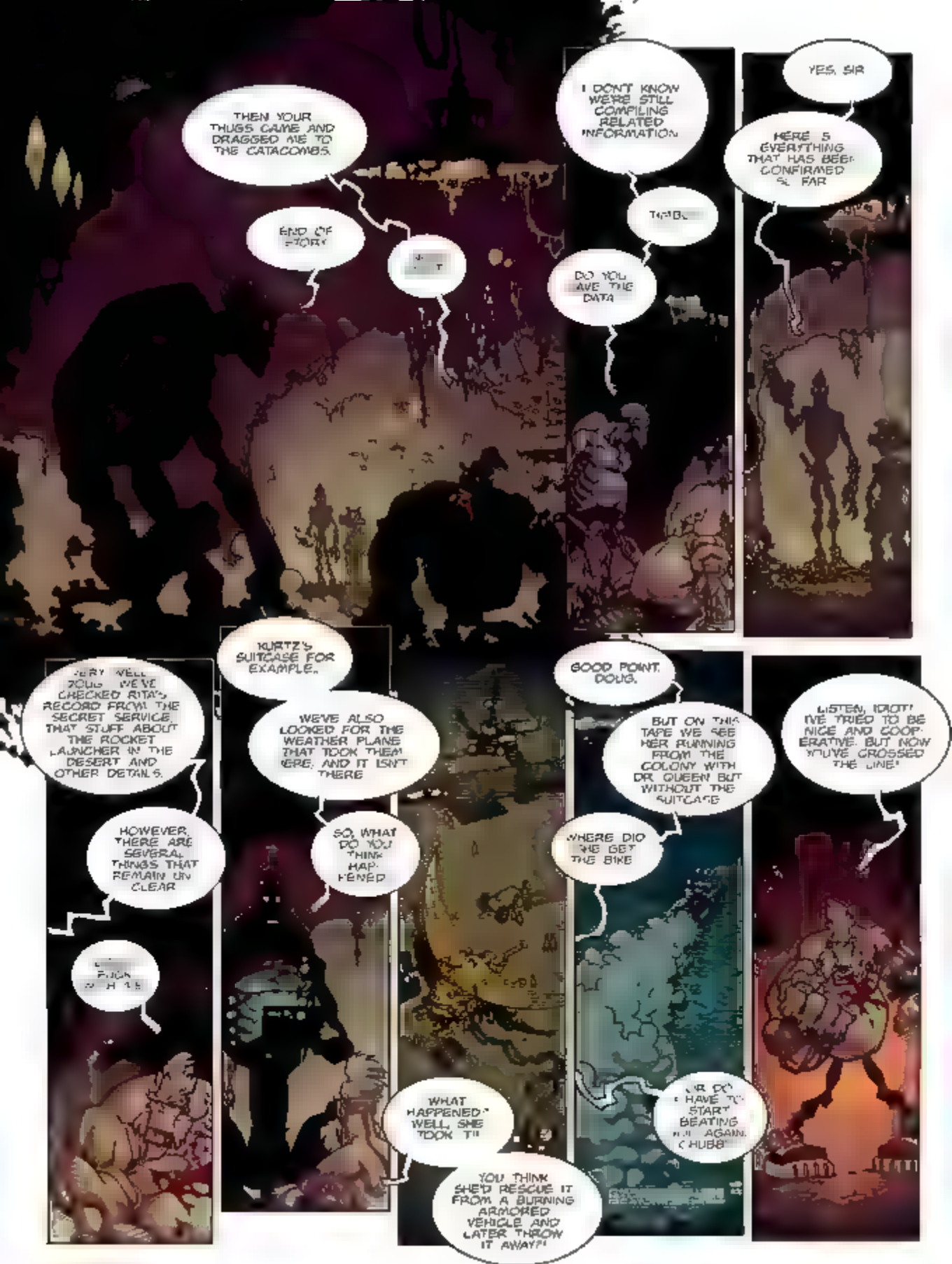

SORRY I'M LATE.
THE NETWORK HAS BEEN VERY WEAK LATELY.
AND IT'S HARD TO CHECK THE DATA
QUEEN? THAT NAME TOLD ME NUTHING, BUT KERMIT'S EXAGGERATED BODY MODIFICATIONS MADE ME SUSPICIOUS
THE DOCTOR WILL RECEIVE YOU AT 23:00 HOURS. IN THE MEANTIME. PLEASE ENJOY OUR AMENITIES.
OKAY.
IS THAT A RODEO
KERMIT WAS REALLY BADLY DESIGNED PERHAPS A COPY FROM SOME CHEAP SERIES AIRED ON THE SF CHANNEL - BUT HE WAS A REAL PRODIGY OF GENETIC SURGERY AND THERAPY
IT WAS ABOUT TIME THAT RITA BROUGHT ME UP TO SPEED, SO UPON OUR ARRIVAL AT THE RODEO I WARNED HER: "EITHER YOU START TALKING, OR I'M LEAVING!"
THEN SHE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING.
THAT DR. QUEEN IS *THE SURGEON*
CRUNCH


HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH HER?
WITH THE HELP OF TIME, MONEY AND A COUPLE OF "ACCIDENTS" THAT MADE HER NOTEBOOK DISAPPEAR
WHAT ABOUT MY FILES?
THE SURGEON IS NOW DEALING WITH RUNA WAY EX COPS!
THAT BITCH IS DANCING FOR MONEY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, AND YOUR NEW FILE SAYS THAT GARY BLACK IS STILL PATRONIZING YOU.
THAT WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER.
OF COURSE.. WE HAVE TO HURRY UP
HURRY? WITH WHAT? I GUESS MY OPERATION IS JUST AN EXCUSE FOR PLUNDERING THE COLONY.
LET'S CALL IT AN ADVANCE FROM UNCLE SAM.
HEY! LOOK AT THAT GUY
THIS IS A CHIEF OF THE COLONY AND QUEEN'S BOYFRIEND.
RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE SURGEON WORKED 6 MONTHS ON HIS STRUCTURE
SHE MANIPULATED HIS ACTIN MIOSIN WHICH MADE HIM TEN TIMES STRONGER THAN ANY OTHER MAN.
THAT ALONG WITH HIS GROWTH NEO HORMONES AND ONE MODIFICATION ON HIS HEMOGLOBIN GENE ALLOW HIM TO RUN AT A SPEED OF 40 KM PER HOUR
HE WAS READY TO BE BORN. BUT WITH HIS REINFORCED NEURO-GENESIS AND A PERFECT EMOTIONAL EQUILIBRIUM BASED ON GABA, SEROTONIN AND DOPAMINE REGULATORS, HE TURNED OUT TO BE HAL 9000
ALTHOUGH HE SEEMS PRETTY MAD WITH THESE TWO SOLDIERS
LOVELY, ISN'T IT?

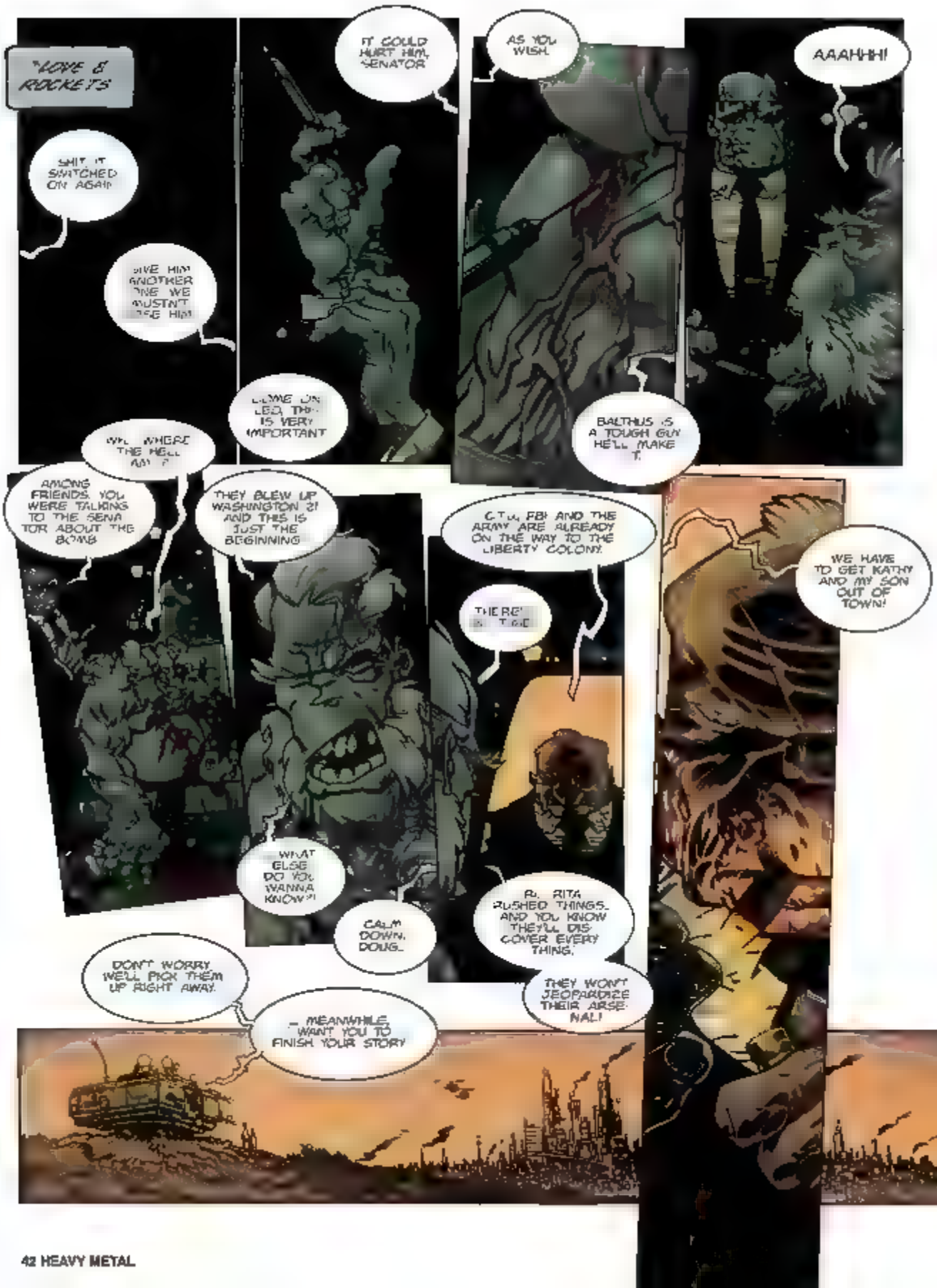
RITA IS YOUR UNCONDITIONAL FAN
DURING THE NIGHT THEY TOOK US TO QUEEN'S LAB AND STARTED PREPARING ME
THE DOCTOR'S HERE
WHEN I SAW HER EXPRESSION
I KNEW EVERYTHING HAD GONE TO HELL


DR QUEEN ENTERED THE LAB
SHE CAME TO OPERATE ON ME.
I PRAYED THAT I WAS WRONG
BUT ONE SECOND LATER MY FEARS CAME TRUE
QUEEN MY ASS!
RITA EXPLODED
I'M SORRY, DOUG, BUT I HAVE TO TAKE THIS BITCH WITH ME!
I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY OUT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IN AN INSTANT, RITA CUT UP THE HELPERS, ABDUCTED DR QUEEN AND LEFT LIKE A WHIRLWIND
CUT! CUT!

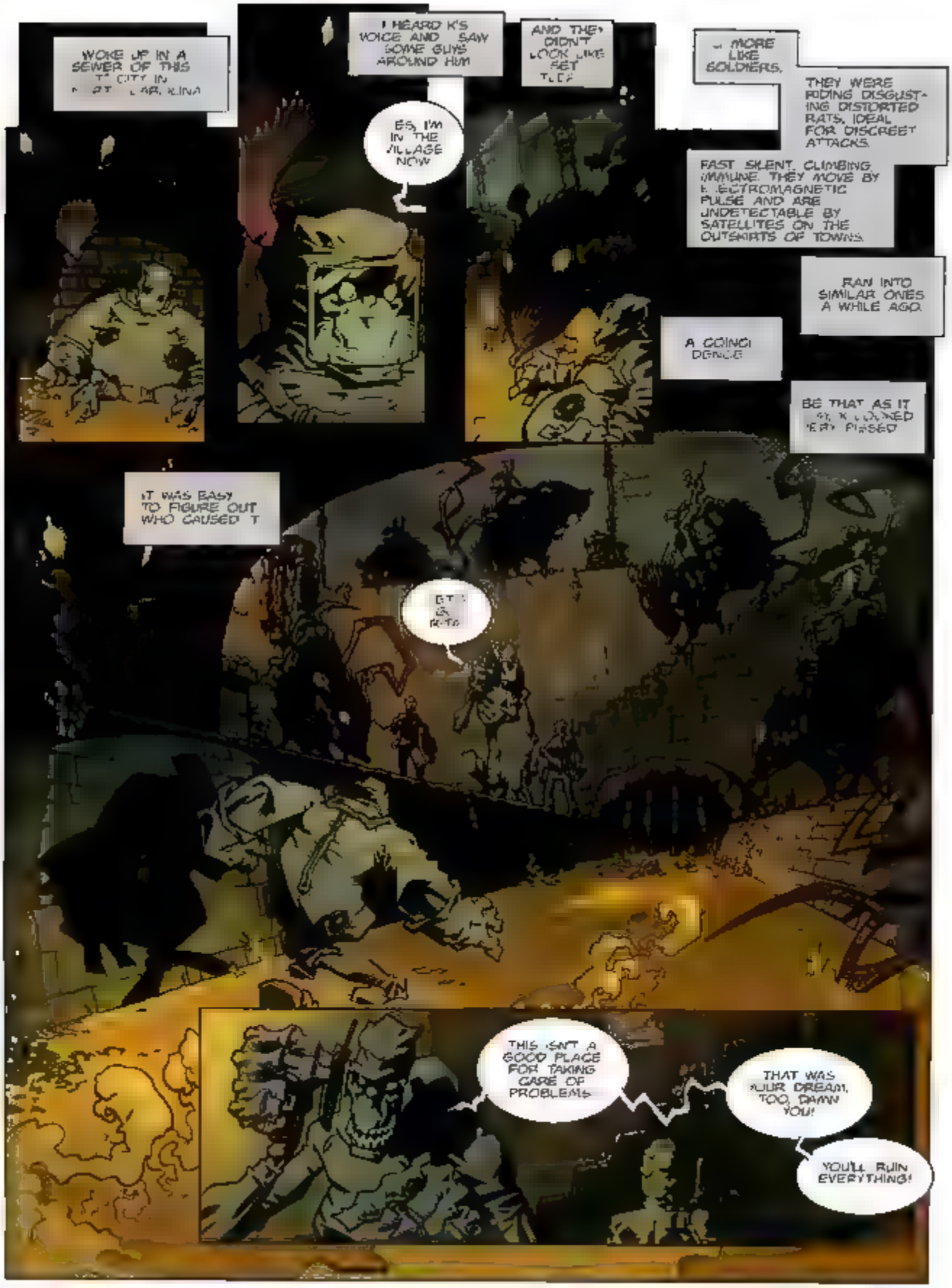

YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND HER MOTIVATION BETTER THAN ME
WOMEN CAN BE VERY INTENSE
SHE WAS THE SECOND WOMAN IN MY LIFE WHO LEFT ME WITH MY ASS HANGING IN THE AIR
WENT THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT DIVORCE HAVE TOLD YOU THAT?
.. AT LEAST PUTA WISHED ME LUCK
I TOOK A FEW SECONDS TO TRY TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION, BUT THE TRANQUILIZERS DIDN'T LET ME THINK STRAIGHT
WAS CONSIDERING BREAKING THE PLASTIC TANK
BUT MY MUSCLES BARELY RESPONDED
AND THE GEL I WAS IN REQUIRED EXTREME EFFORT JUST TO MAKE THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT
I FINALLY GAVE IN.
TUMP!
TUMP!
TUMP!


THEN YOUR THUGS CAME AND DRAGGED ME TO THE CATACOMBS.
END OF STORY
I DON'T KNOW WE'RE STILL COMPILING RELATED INFORMATION
DO YOU AVE THE DATA
YES, SIR
HERE S EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED SL FAR
KURTZ'S SUITCASE FOR EXAMPLE..
WE'VE ALSO LOOKED FOR THE WEATHER PLANE THAT TOOK THEM HERE. AND IT ISN'T THERE
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAP-PENED
VERY WELL YOU'VE CHECKED RITA'S RECORD FROM THE SECRET SERVICE. THAT STUFF ABOUT THE ROCKET LAUNCHER IN THE DESERT AND OTHER DETAILS.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT REMAIN UN CLEAR
GOOD POINT, DOUG.
BUT ON THIS TAPE WE SEE HER RUNNING FROM THE COLONY WITH DR QUEEN BUT WITHOUT THE SUITCASE
WHERE DID SHE GET THE BIKE
LISTEN, IDIOT! I'VE TRIED TO BE NICE AND COOP-ERATIVE. BUT NOW YOU'VE CROSSED THE LINE!
WHAT HAPPENED? WELL, SHE TOOK IT!
YOU THINK SHE'D RESCUE IT FROM A BURNING ARMORED VEHICLE AND LATER THROW IT AWAY?!

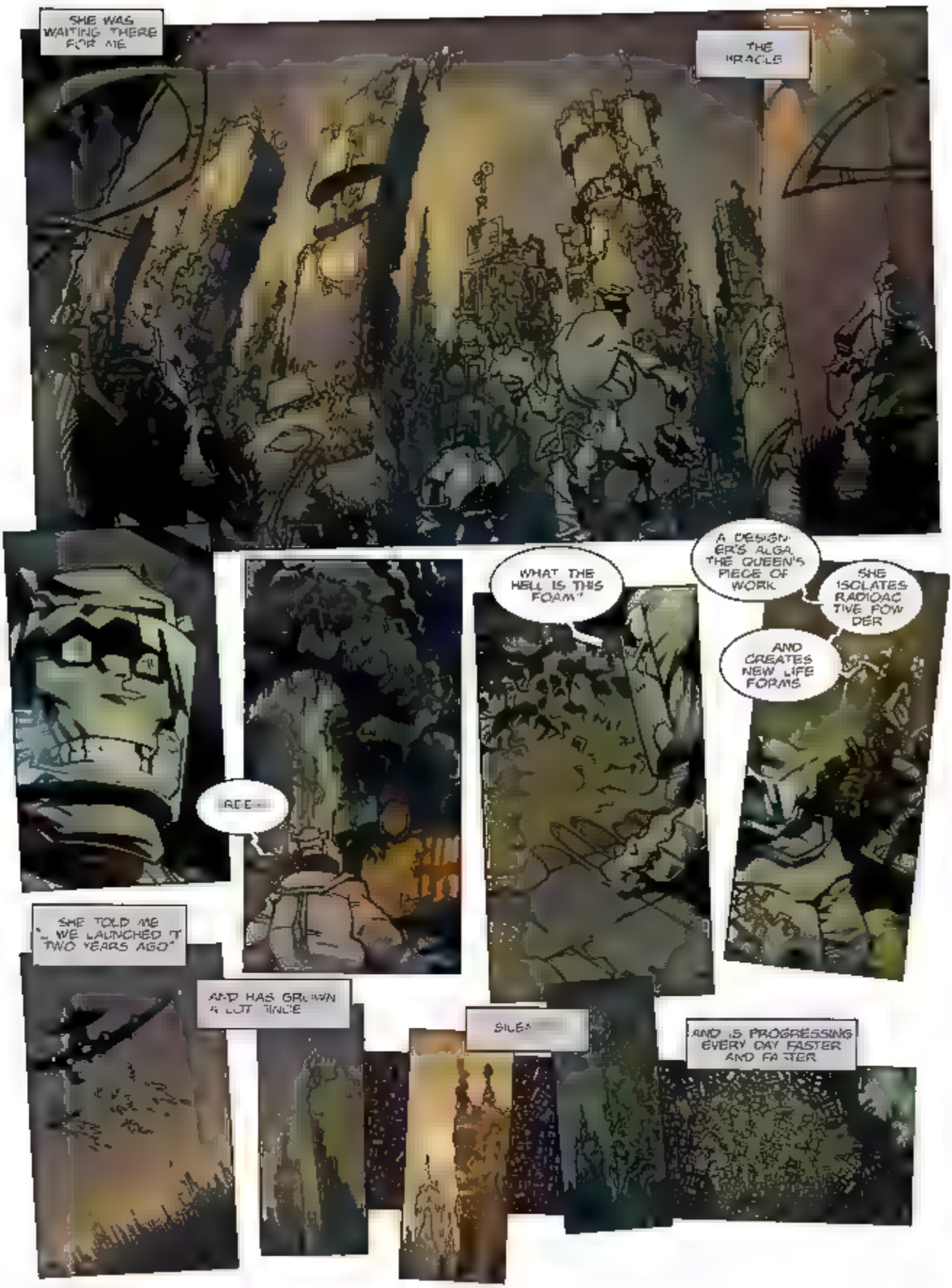
MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME!
SKRASH
THUNK!
CRASH!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME FIGHT
I THINK WAS OUT OF SERVICE FOR A WHILE
I DREAMT OF GHOST TOWNS THAT WAS FLYING OVER


"LOVE & ROCKETS"
SHIT, IT SWITCHED ON AGAIN
GIVE HIM ANOTHER ONE WE MUSTN'T LOSE HIM
IT COULD HURT HIM, SENATOR
COME ON, LEO, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT
AS YOU WISH.
AAAHHH!
BALTHUS IS A TOUGH GUY HE'LL MAKE IT.
WE HAVE TO GET KATHY AND MY SON OUT OF TOWN!
C.T.U., FBI AND THE ARMY ARE ALREADY ON THE WAY TO THE LIBERTY COLONY.
THERE'S A TRAP
MR. RITA RUSHED THINGS. AND YOU KNOW THEY'LL DISCOVER EVERYTHING.
THEY WON'T JEOPARDIZE THEIR ARSENAL!
- MEANWHILE, I WANT YOU TO FINISH YOUR STORY
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL PICK THEM UP RIGHT AWAY.
CALM DOWN, DOUG.
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANNA KNOW?!
AMONG FRIENDS, YOU WERE TALKING TO THE SENATOR ABOUT THE BOMB
THEY BLEW UP WASHINGTON D.C. AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING
WE, WHERE THE HELL AM I?

I'M NOT SO STONED, RICK. I KNOW WE LANDED A WHILE AGO
CERTAINLY... I'M ONLY GIVING YOU TIME TO FINISH YOUR STORY. WE'RE ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM YOUR FAMILY.
YOU'RE GIVING ME TIME!?
THERE'S NO TIME! SHIT!
THIS ALLERGY IS KILLING ME.
HAVEN'T BEEN TAKING MY PILLS FOR DAYS. AND THIS WOUND HAS FINALLY STOPPED ROTTING
ALL RIGHT
HOLD ON A BIT MORE, DOUG. THE MEDICAL TEAM IS EXPECTING YOU IN HEROICA.
WHAT WAS I SAYING?
AAHH, YES...
... K PUNCHED ME AGAIN AND THEN PASSED OUT
THEN K APPARENTLY RECEIVED A CALL FROM RITA AND WE ALL LEFT


WOKE UP IN A SEWER OF THIS T' CITY IN
I HEARD K'S VOICE AND SAW SOME GUYS AROUND HIM
AND THEY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE SET TLE
ES, I'M IN THE VILLAGE NOW
- MORE LIKE SOLDIERS.
THEY WERE RIDING DISGUSTING DISTORTED RATS, IDEAL FOR DISCREET ATTACKS.
FAST SILENT, CLIMBING. IMMUNE. THEY MOVE BY ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE AND ARE UNDETECTABLE BY SATELLITES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWNS.
RAN INTO SIMILAR ONES A WHILE AGO.
A GOING DENCE
BE THAT AS IT ST, K LOOKED VERY PISSED
IT WAS EASY TO FIGURE OUT WHO CAUSED T
BT : S K-TA
THIS ISN'T A GOOD PLACE FOR TAKING CARE OF PROBLEMS
THAT WAS YOUR DREAM, TOO, DAMN YOU!
YOU'LL RUIN EVERYTHING!

BUT I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU LAY A FINGER ON MY GIRLFRIEND!
BITCH!
SHE WANT TO MEET ME AT CCNY STUYVESANT SQUARE
ZUNK!
HOW MANY SPIKES?
AT LEAST 6.
IT'S A BIG AREA
WE'LL TAKE BALTHUS ALONG, JUST IN CASE
WE'D BETTER BE CAREFUL
THEN WE HEADED FOR THE


SHE WAS WAITING THERE FOR ME
THE ORACLE
A DESIGNER'S ALGA, THE QUEEN'S PIECE OF WORK
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS FOAM?
SHE ISOLATES RADIOACTIVE POWDER
AND CREATES NEW LIFE FORMS
SHE TOLD ME "... WE LAUNCHED IT TWO YEARS AGO"
AND HAS GROWN A LOT SINCE
AND IS PROGRESSING EVERY DAY FASTER AND FASTER

WHATEVER.
SAID NOTHING WOULD EVER GROW ON THE
BUT THEY FOUND A WAY
WELL SEPARATE
GARDEN OF EDEN.
IT SEEMS THAT
AND HIS GROUP
THAT WASN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA
BECAUSE IT WASN'T ONLY PLANTS THAT GREW

KRASK!
THERE'S A "NEW"
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TA TA
CRUNCH
SHIT!
TA
TA
THAT BUG MUST HAVE HATED THE TASTE OF MY PROSTHESIS; IT IMMEDIATELY SWITCHED TO THE CLOSEST RIDER
MY CAPTORS WERE OCCUPIED AND MY STRAP WAS BROKEN, SO DECIDED TO TAKE OFF.
POW
POW

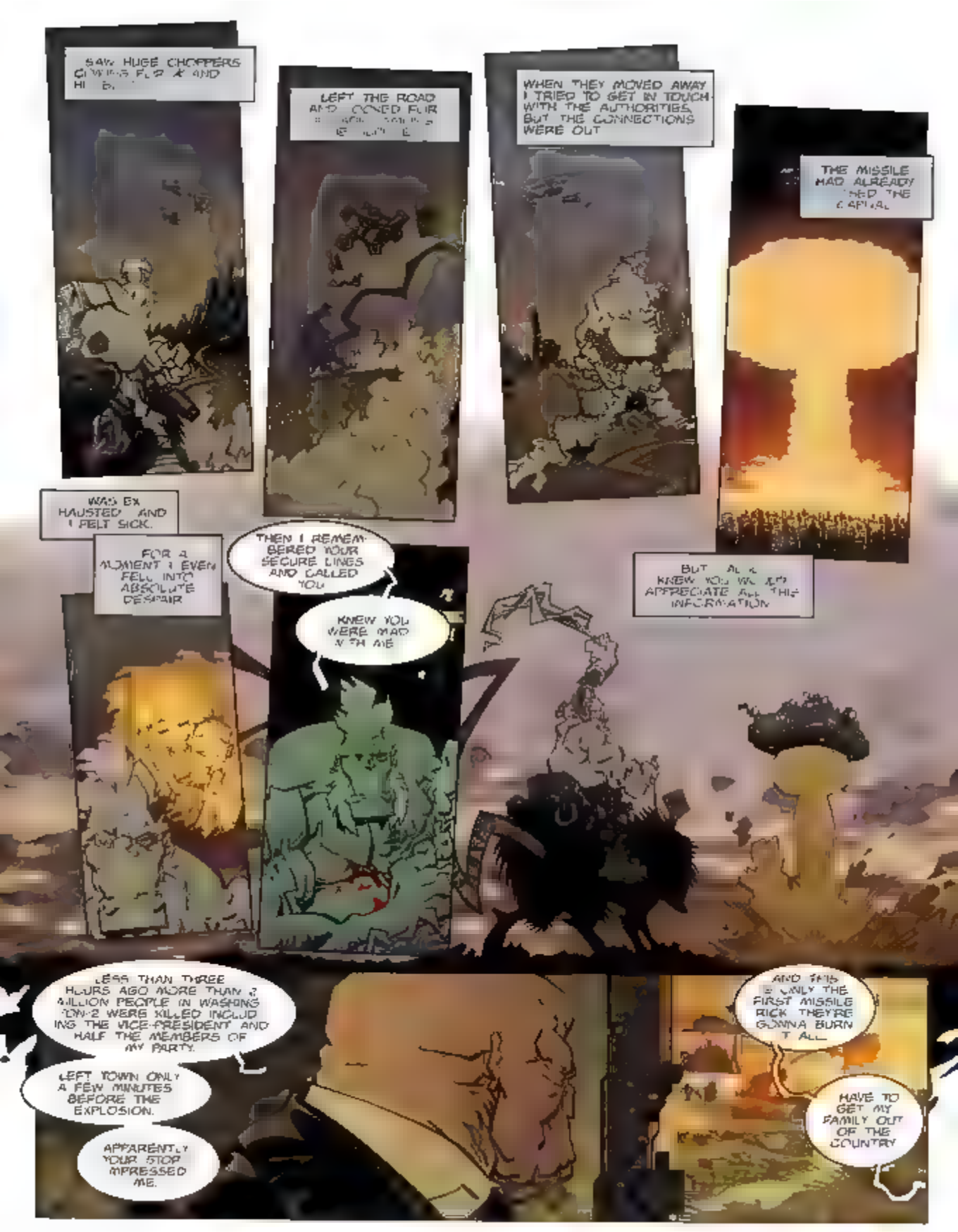
WE LOST BALTHUS, SIR WHAT SHOULD WE DO
FORGET HIM, AND COME HERE A.S.A.P
I'LL GET DOWN TO THE MEETING POINT
THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW ME, SO I TURNED AROUND AND SAW YOU HEADING TO E SQUARE
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE RITA WAIT - AND COULD UNDERSTAND THAT
M IN THE SQUARE
I THINK THERE'S A MESSAGE HERE
S EVERY ONE IN PLACE
Er

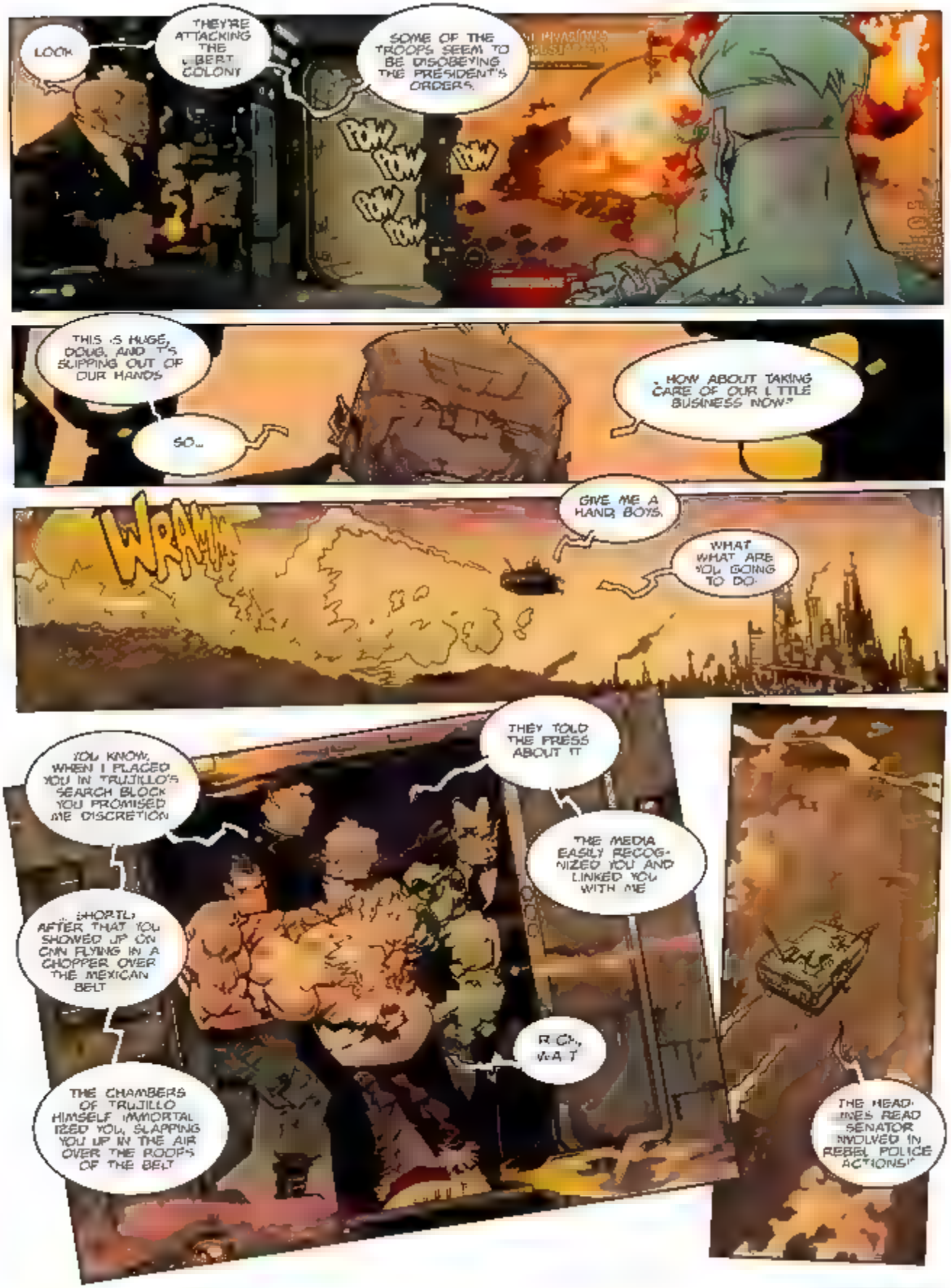
VERY ONE'S READY
THE GROUPS SPREAD OUT ALL OVER THE PLACE
IT'S WELL DELIVERED, SIR
A HEART AND A MISSILE
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THAT IDIOT KURTZ DELIVERED THE WHOLE PACKAGE TO THAT LUNATIC?!
THE FUTURE OF AMERICA FOR A FUCK?!
FOUND THEM A FEW MINUTES LATER. APPROACHED SILENTLY AND WAS REWARDED WITH A GREAT VIEW OF THE CARNAGE
DAMN KURTZ
HAVE BEEN TEAM CAPTAIN
SHE WAS LAUGHING AT THE
AND WATCHED THEM LIKE LITTLE GODS
SOMETHING WEIRD HAPPENED TO ASIA IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.
A SOLDIER DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE
TA TA TA TA TA

TA TA TA TA
THEY'RE HIRING ON AT THE HILTON TERRACE
I'M HERE,
YOU THOUGHT I'D LET YOU FORGET ME?
HE HAS A DETONATOR
AFTER WE BUILT ALL THIS TOGETHER?
AFTER I PROVIDED FUNDS AND CONTACTS WITH THE MILITARY BIG SHOTS
AFTER YOU TRADED ME FOR THAT IMAGE QUEEN!!!
WELL... WON'T LET YOU PUT ME ASIDE IN THE LAST STAGE OF THE PROJECT
I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF THE GAME!
WE BOTH KNOW YOU DON'T WANNA BLOW UP OUR GARDEN...
COME DOWN SO WE CAN TALK
OF COURSE WON'T DO THAT

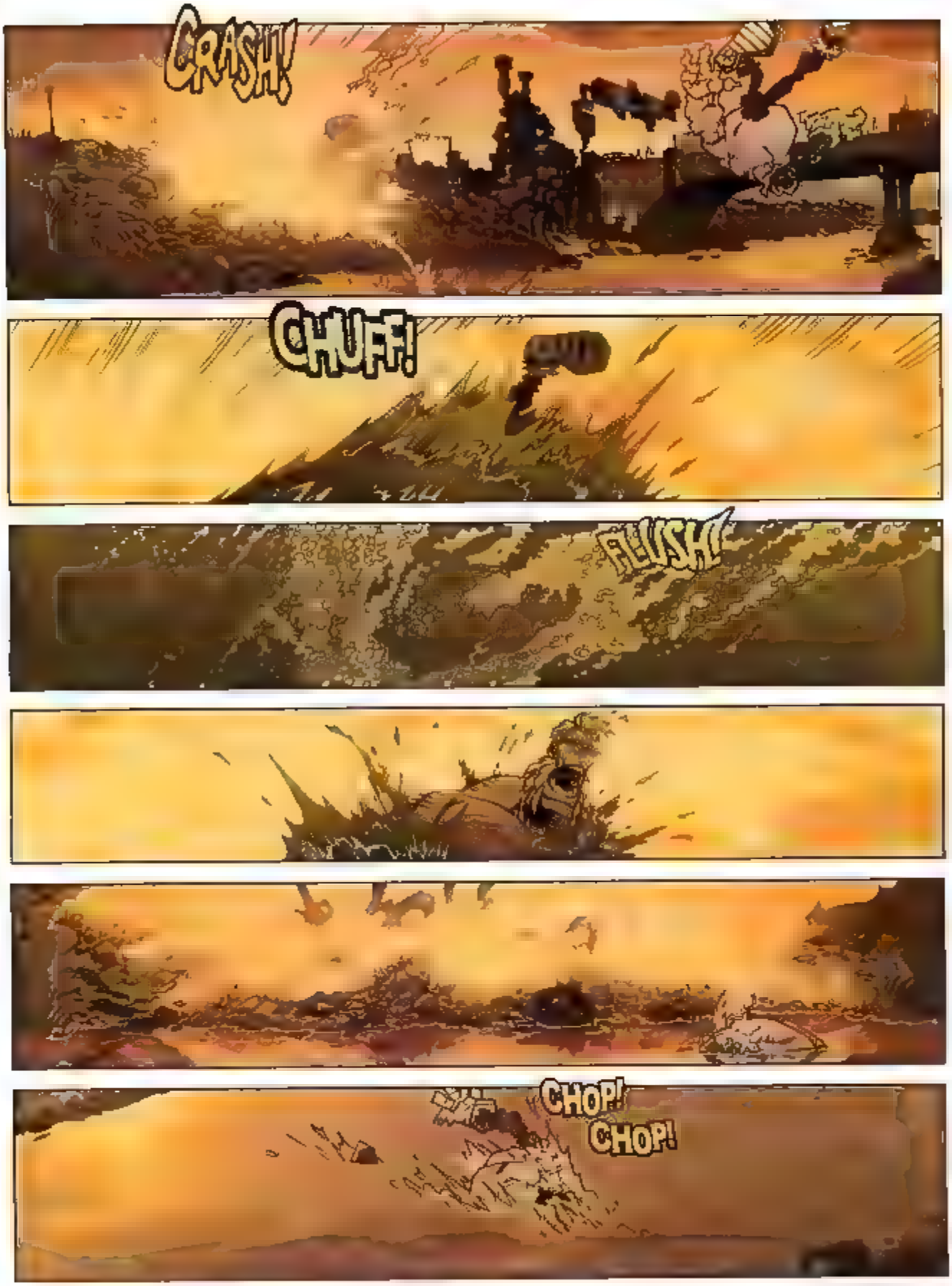
JUST WANNA GIVE A LITTLE PUSH TO YOUR REVOLUTION
KRASK!
CHUNK!
BY THE WAY·
YOUR GIRLFRIEND VOLUNTEERED TO ANNOUNCE IT IN WASHING TON D.C.
NO! QUEEN·
NO!!
THE ROCKET BLASTED OFF..
AND RITA DISAPPEARED IN THE JUNGLE
I STILL DONT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN KURTZ AND RITA S.
I MEAN, KURTZ WASN'T AN IDIOT BUT.. TO STOP FOR A SHAG WHILE SMUGGLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HIM.
K, KURTZ AND RITA WERE PREPARING A COUP D'ETAT TO-GETHER. GUESS, AT SOME POINT, RITA MUST HAVE TEMPTED KURTZ WITH THE IDEA TO REPLACE K AS THE LEADER OF THE REBELS.
IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE BOMBS THAT KURTZ TOOK ON HIS DATE WITH RITA IN JONAS'S REVENGE WERE TO BLOW UP THE LIBERTY COLONY. THUS HE WOULD GET RID OF K AND HIS FAITHFUL MEN..

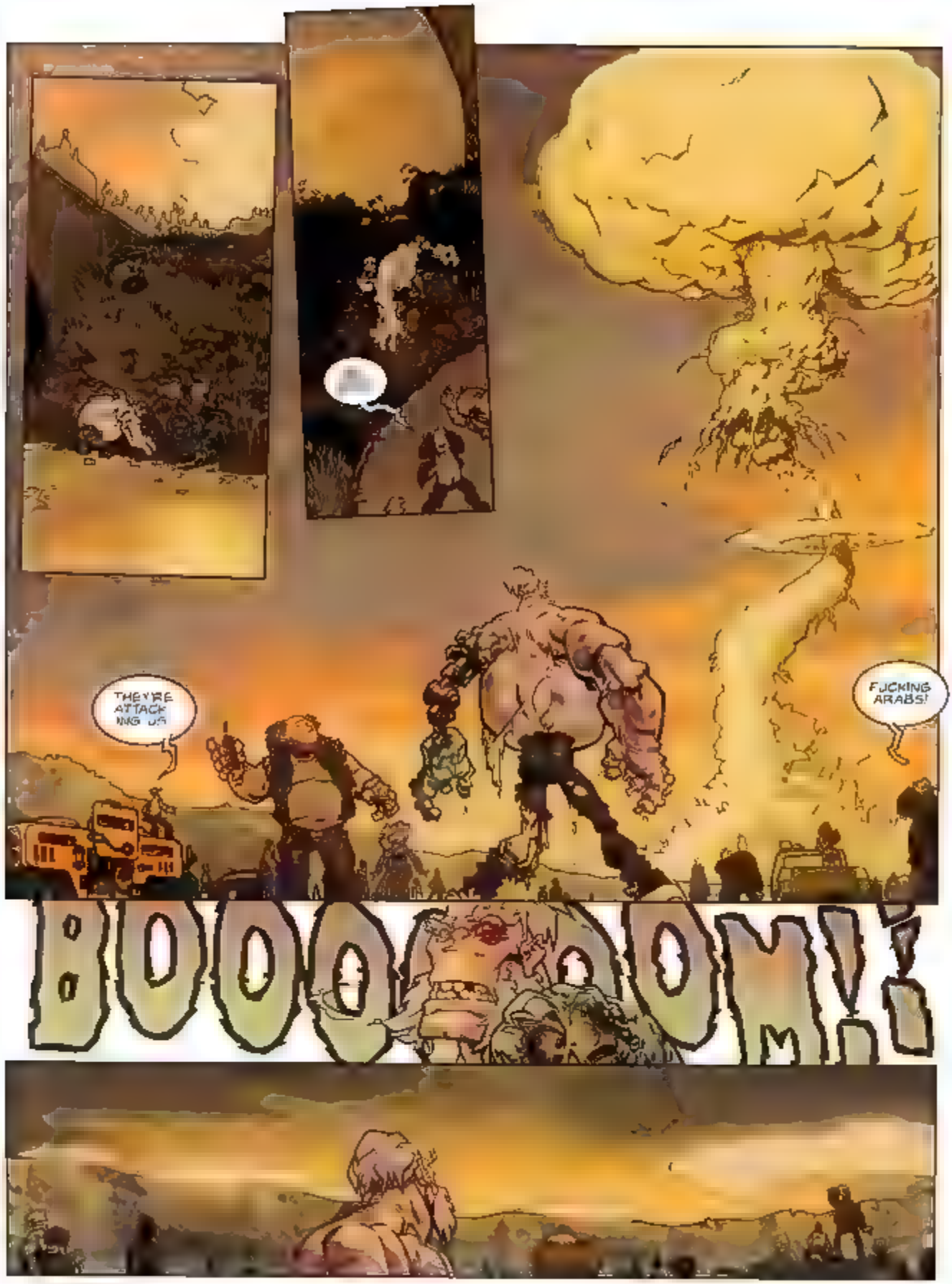
BUT [illegible] BUT HAD OTHER PLANS
GET IN THE CHOPPERS
WHERE THE HELL
I LEFT TOWN AS FAST AS I COULD. KNEW SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAD JUST HAPPENED AND AT THAT MOMENT, COULD ONLY THINK OF MY SON ROMAN

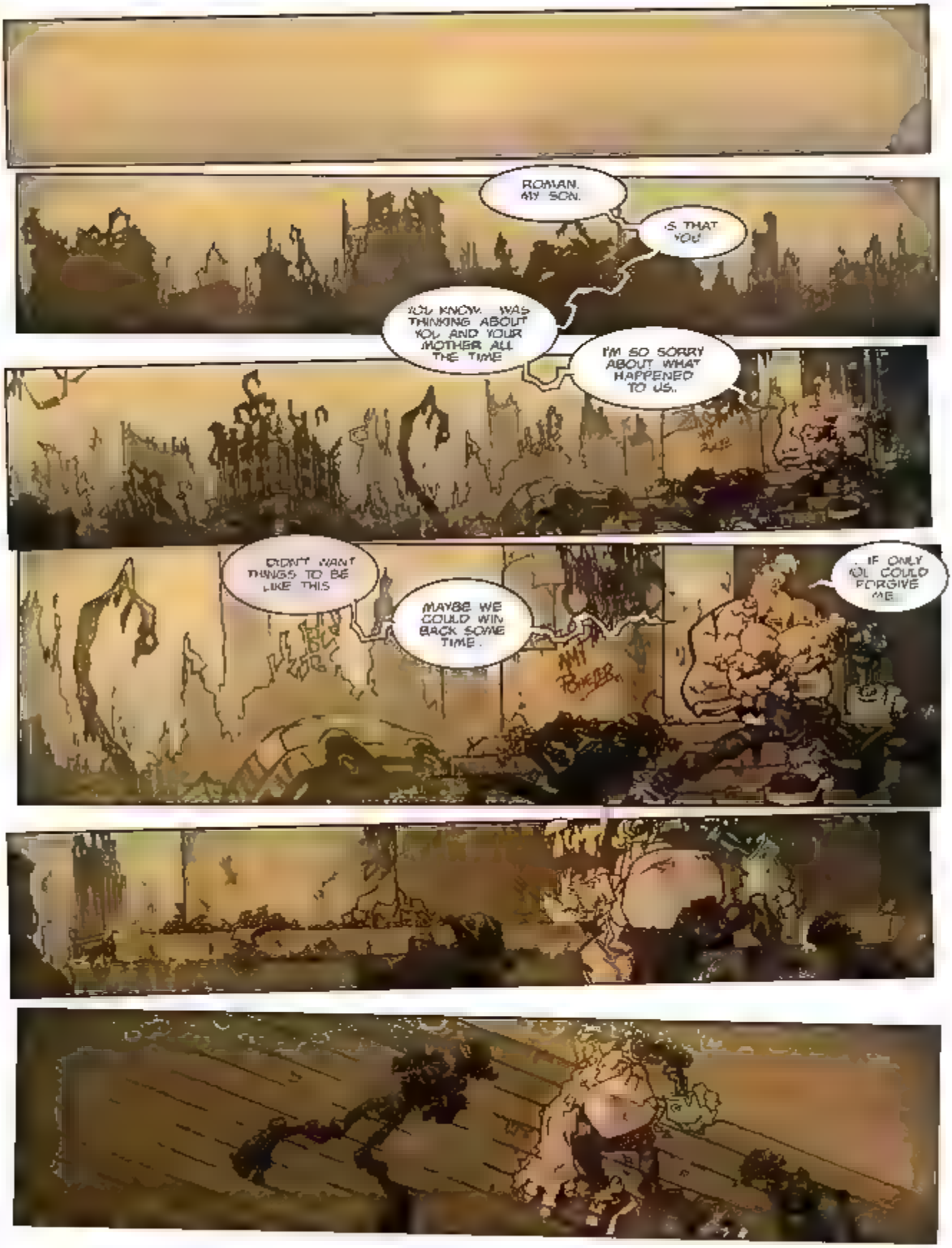

SAW HUGE CHOPPERS
LEFT THE ROAD
WHEN THEY MOVED AWAY I TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE AUTHORITIES, BUT THE CONNECTIONS WERE OUT
THE MISSILE HAD ALREADY
WAS EXHAUSTED AND I FELT SICK.
FOR A MOMENT I EVEN FELL INTO ABSOLUTE DESPAIR
THEN I REMEMBERED YOUR SECURE LINES AND CALLED YOU
KNEW YOU WERE MAD WITH ME
BUT ALL KNEW YOU WOULD APPRECIATE ALL THIS INFORMATION
LESS THAN THREE HOURS AGO MORE THAN 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON-2 WERE KILLED INCLUDING THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND HALF THE MEMBERS OF MY PARTY.
LEFT TOWN ONLY A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE EXPLOSION.
APPARENTLY YOUR STOP IMPRESSED ME.
AND THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST MISSILE RICK THEYRE GONNA BURN IT ALL
HAVE TO GET MY FAMILY OUT OF THE COUNTRY


LOOK
THEY'RE ATTACKING THE LIBERT COLONY
SOME OF THE TROOPS SEEM TO BE DISOBEYING THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS.
POW POW POW POW POW
THIS IS HUGE, DOUG, AND IT'S SLIPPING OUT OF OUR HANDS
SO...
HOW ABOUT TAKING CARE OF OUR LITTLE BUSINESS NOW?
WRAM!
GIVE ME A HAND, BOYS.
WHAT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO
YOU KNOW, WHEN I PLACED YOU IN TRUJILLO'S SEARCH BLOCK YOU PROMISED ME DISCRETION
THEY TOLD THE PRESS ABOUT IT
THE MEDIA EASILY RECOGNIZED YOU AND LINKED YOU WITH ME
SHORTLY AFTER THAT YOU SHOWED UP ON CNN FLYING IN A CHOPPER OVER THE MEXICAN BELT
R CH... W.A.T
THE CHAMBERS OF TRUJILLO HIMSELF IMMORTAL NEED YOU, SLAPPING YOU UP IN THE AIR OVER THE ROOFS OF THE BELT
THE HEADLINES READ SENATOR INVOLVED IN REBEL POLICE ACTIONS!

BUT I WAS READY.
... AND RESOLVING MY PROBLEM
THIS IS INEXCUSABLE!
HAPPY TRAILS, DOUG
NO! RICK! WAIT!
KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN SO I TOOK PRECAUTIONS...
WHAT REALLY PISSED ME OFF WAS THAT YOU DISAPPEARED WITHOUT FULFILLING YOUR PART OF THE DEAL.
CNN
REAKING NEWS
KRASH!


CRASH!
CHUFF!
FLUSH!
CHOP!
CHOP!


THEY'RE ATTACKING US
FUCKING ARABS!
BOOOOOM!


ROMAN. MY SON.
IS THAT YOU
YOU KNOW. WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU AND YOUR MOTHER ALL THE TIME
I'M SO SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO US.
DIDN'T WANT THINGS TO BE LIKE THIS
MAYBE WE COULD WIN BACK SOME TIME.
IF ONLY YOU COULD FORGIVE ME

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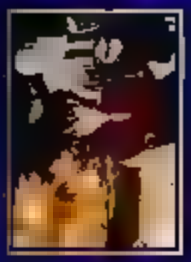

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Shion has sworn to protect young prince Hyuga from royal assassins known as the Hunters. Along the journey, Shion and Hyuga are interrupted by a duel when a local blacksmith recognizes Shion and challenges Hyuga to fight her way past the Hunters, forcing her to fight her way past them. As seen on Cartoon Network's "Anime Unleashed". Ages 13+

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LOVER-IN-LAW

[illegible] living with his brother and [illegible] while his new bedding starts [illegible] Unfortunately, the hand of [illegible] on business trips means [illegible] the nights are pretty lonely for [illegible]-in-law, Mai. Soon the frustration of bed becomes too much and Mai [illegible] purpose. But when Mai sees [illegible] on the next day, the frustrated Takuya [illegible] his own hands. Ages 18+

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BOOBY LIFE

All his life, Naoto has loved [illegible] with large "endowments", with [illegible] luck when a dramatic turn when Ayame, the [illegible] girl next door, [illegible] Naoto's dreams and lets him have his way with her anytime he wants! Just as Naoto is getting used to Ayame's lusty affections another love-[illegible] crush, the spunky, brown Chiho, [illegible] Naoto for [illegible] as well. Now Naoto has to make a very hard choice between these two [illegible] Ages 18+

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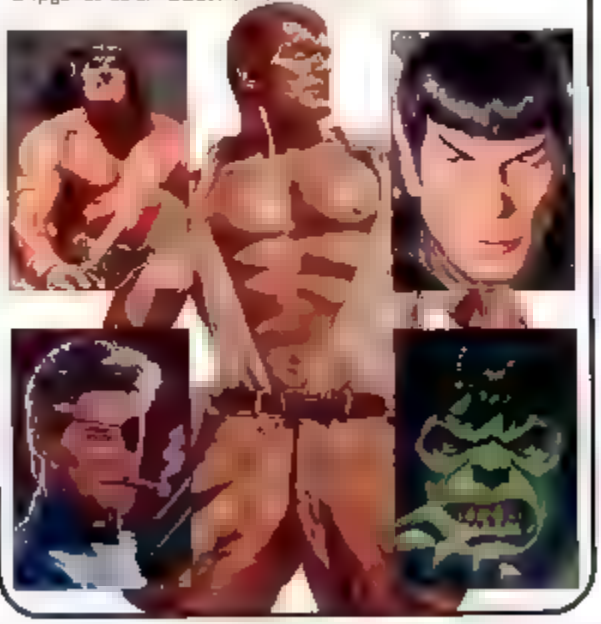

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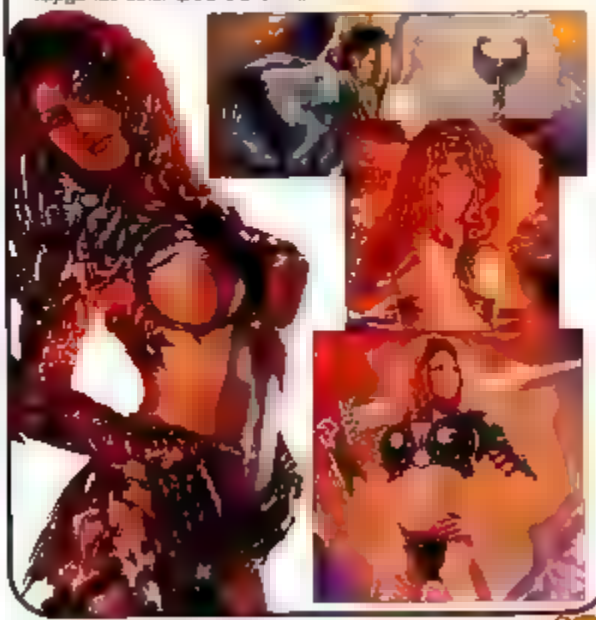

Nestler Girls 1

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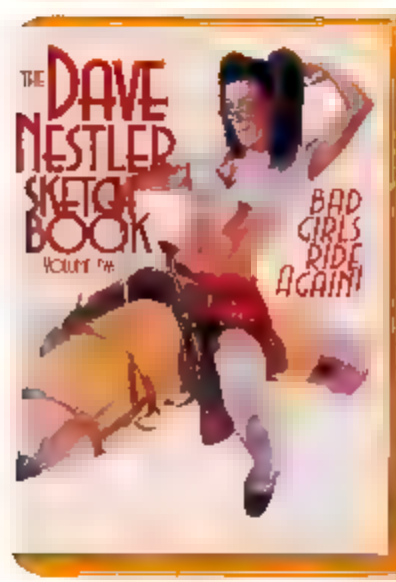

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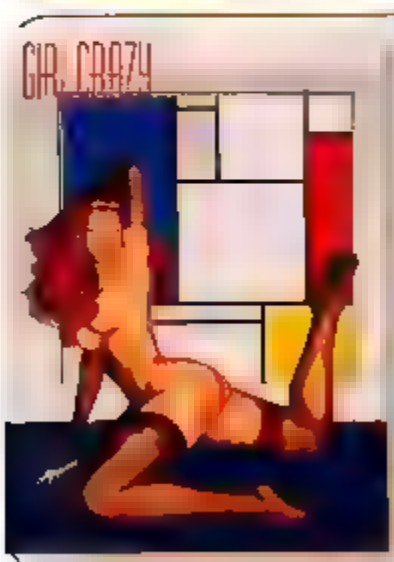

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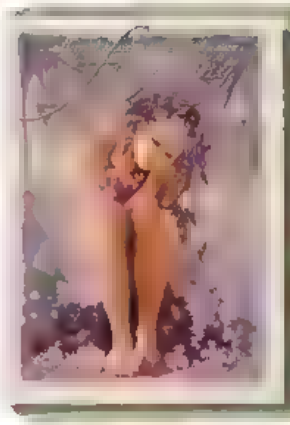

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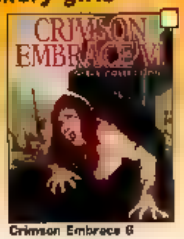

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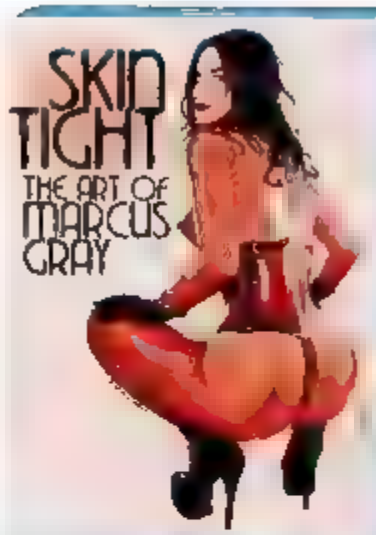

Skin Tight: The Art of Marcus Gray

It's the warm and friendly squeeze of latex against flesh, salty with sweat and lust. Fetishes come and go, but the moist promise of form-fitting outfits on young female flesh... well, let's just say it's something artist Marcus Gray has made a serious study of!

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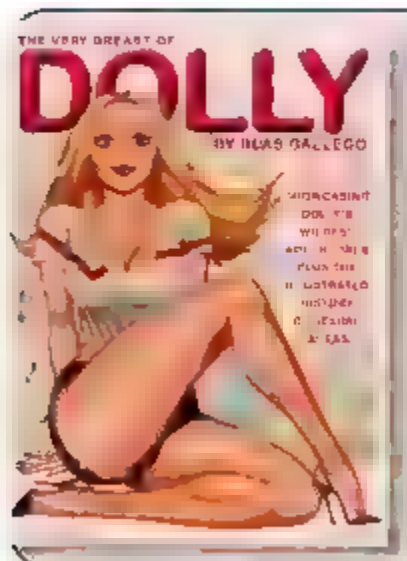

The Very Breast of Dolly

With a body that defies both logic and gravity, Dolly's curves have caused men to drive up onto sidewalks just to get a better look. Ibáñez Gallego created his little darling in a series of comic strips that details the daily bump and grind of life as a sex magnet. Gallego's series of historical orgies included!

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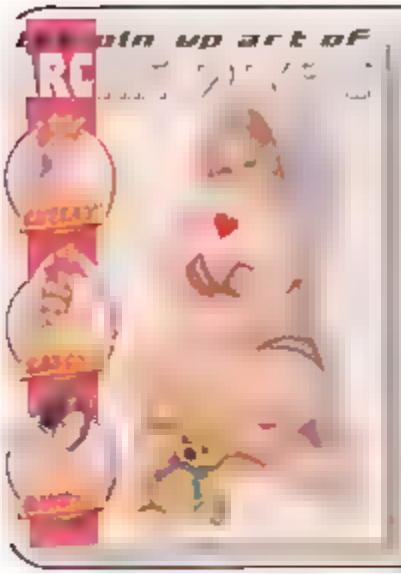

The Pin-Up Art of Archie Dickens 1

"Cheeky" "saucy" "randy" are some British euphemisms that can be employed when describing the works of Archie Dickens. Angelic faces with devilish designs has always been the hallmark of this illustrator. Each work reflects his sly wit and brilliant talent.

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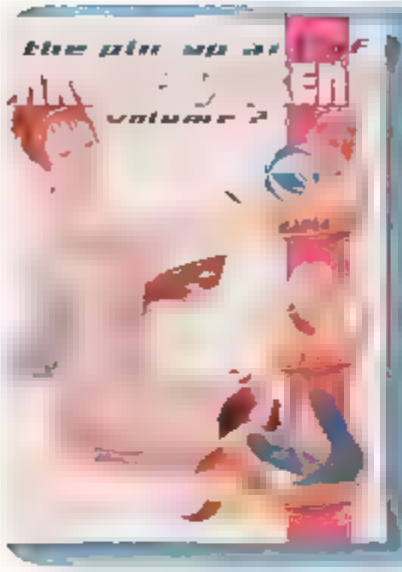

The Pin-Up Art of Archie Dickens 2

Archie Dickens is back with a new compendium of cuties to delight an appreciative public. A contemporary of such greats as Elvgren and Vargas, Mr. Dickens was still kicking and making naughty portraits of young ladies in various states of undress into the 21st Century.

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Roca's work has an energy that positively crackles, and his women have a powerful authority to match their awesome beauty. His total body of work both in Europe and the States is staggering, and now it's been assembled as an introduction to the uninitiated. Paintings, sketches, studies, personal projects - behold the genius of Roca!

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Greg's day job has him working for "the Man", but his true passion is pin-up art! Fabulous babes and blood sucking female vampires are more his speed! Creating full color paintings for Marvel, White Wolf, and Wizards of the Coast were just the beginning of his slide to the bizarre!

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Flint Henry's works in comics have always been darker and more twisted than most. There's a very good reason for that. He's darker and more twisted! With an inky-black sense of the macabre and a devilish delight in detail, Flint creates some of the most nightmarish and densely disturbing images imaginable!

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An animator and concept artist for gaming companies, Marshall's designs have been featured in mega-hits like Starcraft, Diablo, and World of Warcraft. But when the sun goes down, Maxx's mind drifts off to nastier realms, filled with bizarre creatures, foul aliens, and, oh yeah, drop dead gorgeous women!

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Fantasy writer and illustrator Melanie Kloggerman Fasske has been showcasing the sexier and feminine side of these mystical creatures with great success. This all-new book of illustrations will let Melanie's most vivid collection yet! Intro by fellow artist and fan George Perez.

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Some of the best Halloween traditions are candy, scary monsters, and yet more candy. To really enjoy the season, you need Steve Fastner and Rich Larson to ply their patented blend of heart-stopping beauty and head-splitting terror to the mix! A delightful assembly creepy creatures and curvaceous asses! Sweet!

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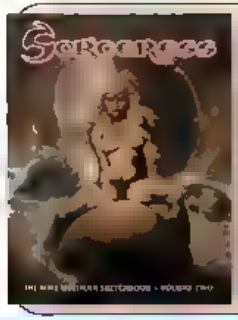

Sorceress 2 The Mike Hoffman Sketchbook

His visions of cave girls, retro-astronettes and warrior maidens evoke the best in fantasy art, and a salute to the grand master of the genre! This second showcase is jammed with ALL-NEW artwork and a gallery of his very popular full color paintings.

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Steve and Rich have created two new full color tales of titillation calculated to drive you mad (Earth girls fighting aliens and 19th Century vampires... not at the same time, of course). Plus an amazing portfolio of new works, commissions, and rare classics never-before-seen! A must-have for F&L fans and fantasy aficionados!

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Guns, knives, swords, bare-handed or bare-assed, these ladies are lovely and VERY lethal! A cunning collection of deadly divas being showcased by artists Paco Diaz, Rafa Lopez, and Jose Manuel. Non-stop beat-downs and curvaceous fighting, all while looking good doing it is the hallmark of these honeys.

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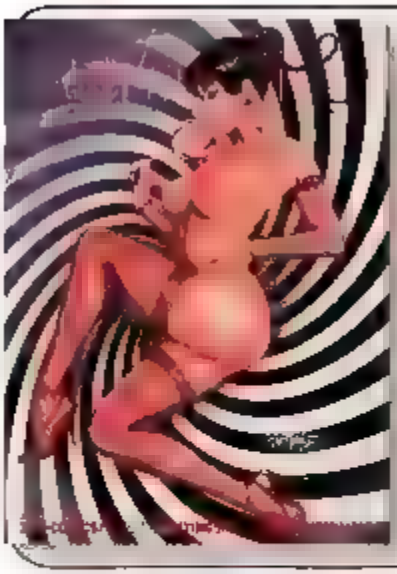

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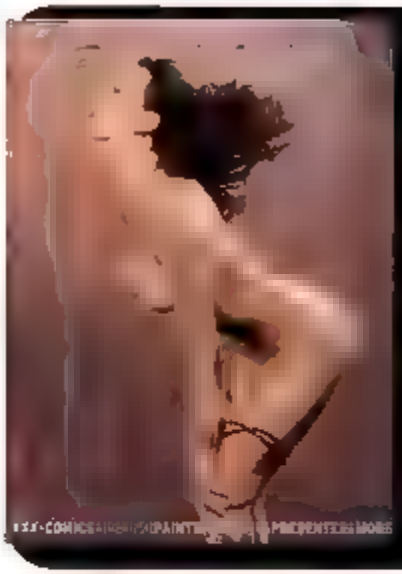

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The series that's set the bar waist-high for innovation and success! Art by such lusty luminaries as Lorenzo Sperlonga, Andreas Rauhaisen, Michael Dutkiewicz, and Gene Hoyer to name just a few. Illustrations, comix, photo layouts, and other features make Artcore your one-stop shop for the finest in extreme erotica! YeesOUCH! 80pgs in full color.
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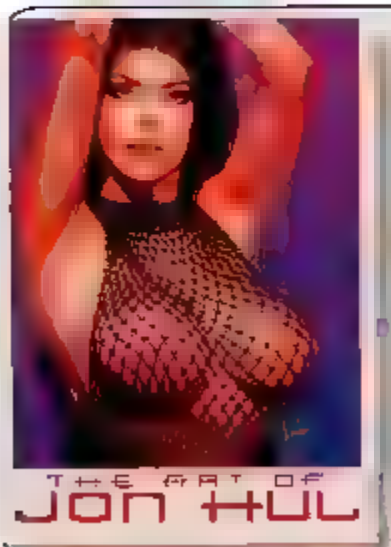

The Art of Jon Hul

Hul has fused his eye for color detail and composition with an appealing photo-realistic style. The results literally stop you dead in your tracks! Art shows bring in the serious collectors, and Jon's reputation for outstanding works of sheer beauty keep the artist hard at his craft. Eye candy that is non-stop yummy!

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His first volume of scrumptious vixens in knot and unease is chock-a-block more than a few stacked. As knows Mr. Stephens' kits bend over to do work creating an all-new collection of wicked, wild and winsome vixens, outfitted in buckled and gilet gear, all set up securely, leaving [illegible] a-wiving gentle. 64pgs b&w.

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His ladies are cute, walk-downs and, built 'Can't-Taught!' Sure, [illegible] on paper, but when Steve D. Reno does with some graphite and clean sheet of paper, it's truly a thing of beauty! This first collection really will have you BEGGING for more! 64pgs b&w.

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Steve D. Reno's mind is overflowing with devious ideas, and in this second volume of erotic discomfort, he really shows the heights and depths he's capable of! Hey, it's only make-believe, but oh my, the flames of imagination can burn so very hot. 64pgs b&w.

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Visit this fine out-of-the-way B&B once again and be delighted by the collection of ropes, chains, handcuffs, and intricate winch and pulley systems! As artist/proprietor Rich Larson always says, "Come for the full-body suspension gear, stay for the view!" Kinky fun! 64pgs b&w.

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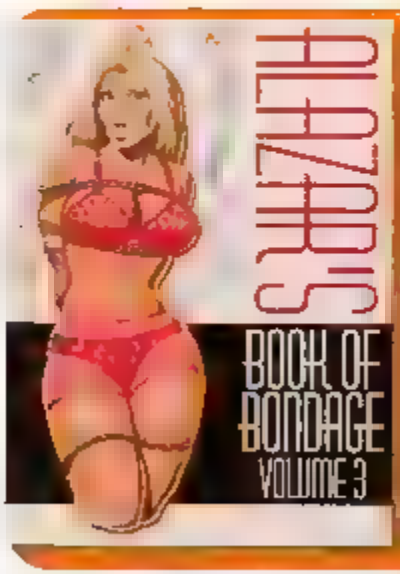

Alezar's Book of Bondage 3

He is the undisputed master of putting naughty girls in knotty situations! Once again, Alezar assembles an all-new collection of damsels in extreme distress. Nobody knows the ropes like THIS no-escape artist, and fans from around the world will for each new volume of ravishing restraint. 64pgs b&w.

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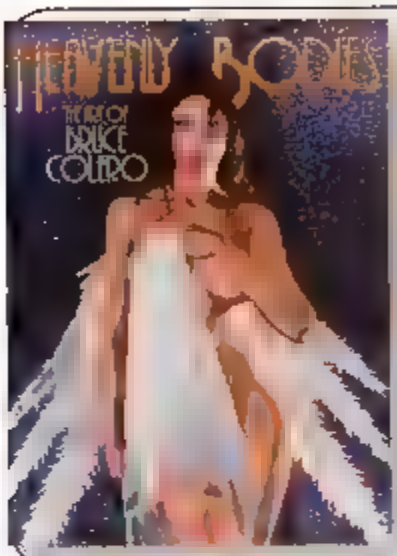

The Art of Bruce Colero

Using techniques in the real and virtual world of airbrush and computer Bruce Colero blends the best of both worlds and the resulting images are both dreamlike and photo-realistic. A fascinating study of a truly fascinating individual and a look at cutting edge creative illustration.

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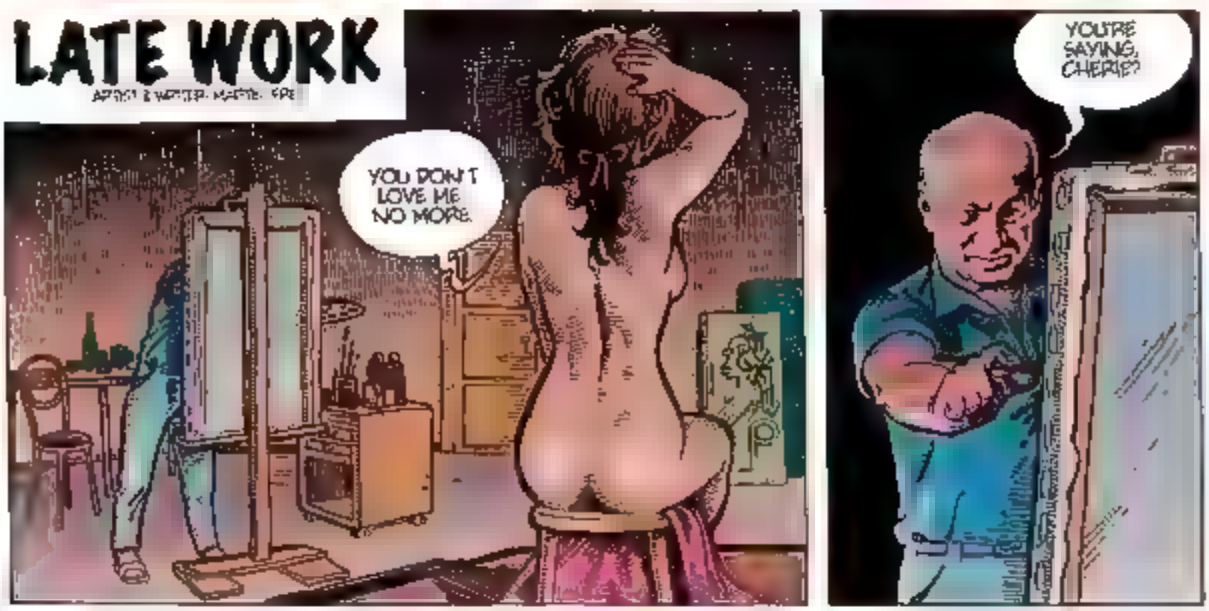
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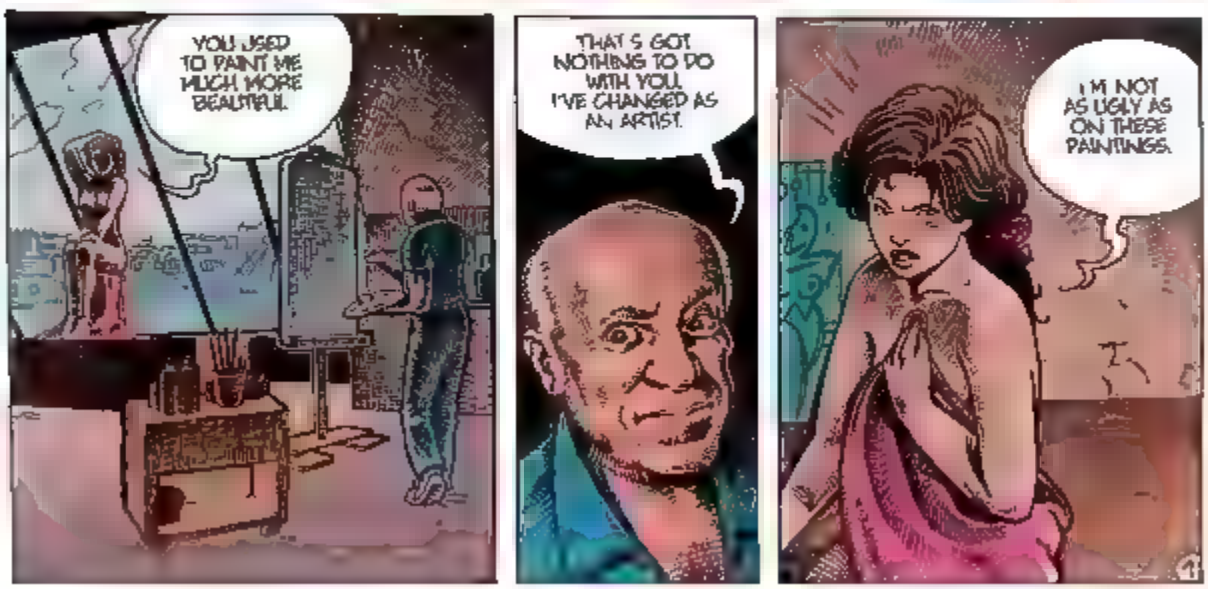
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THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. I'VE CHANGED AS AN ARTIST.
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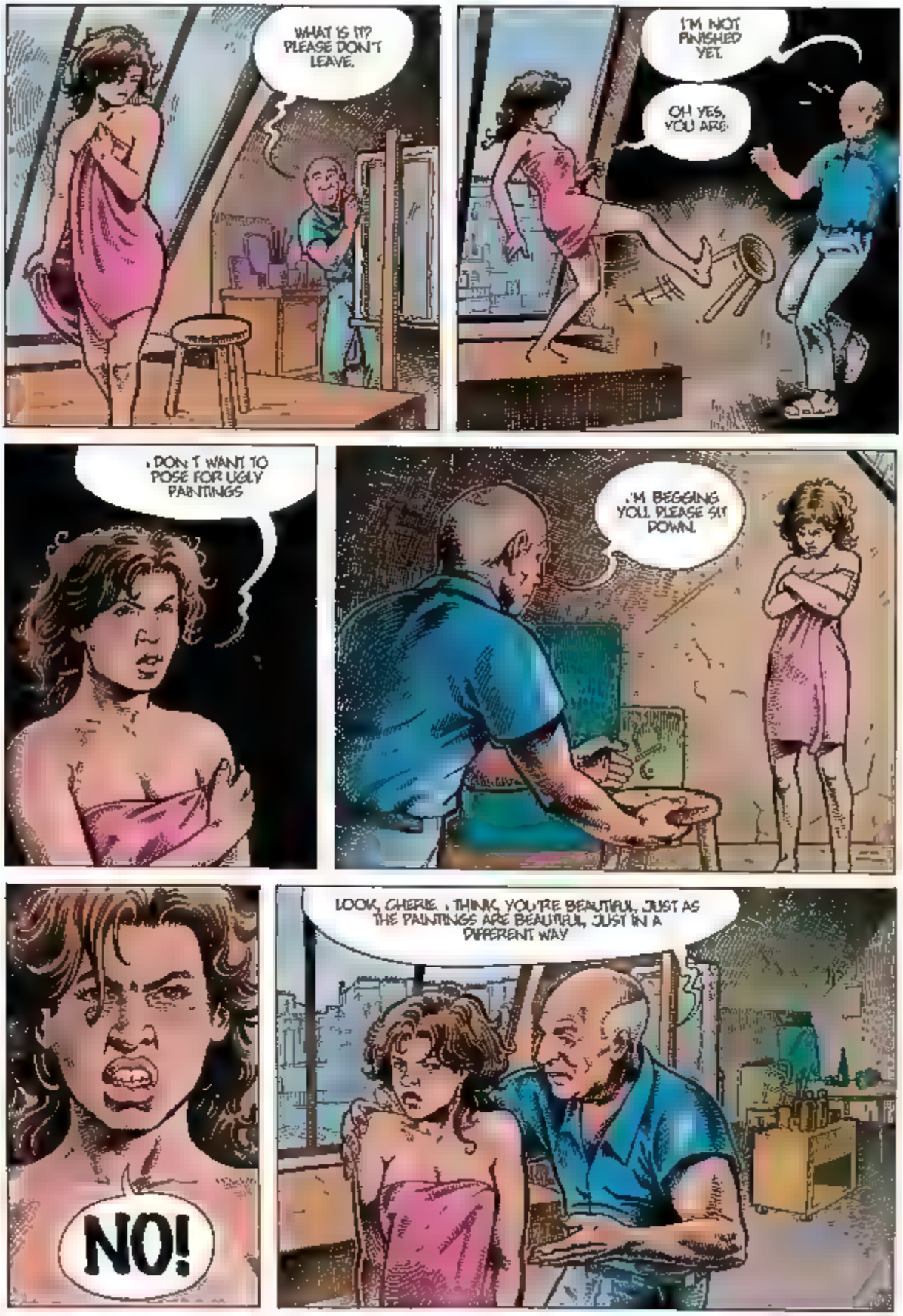
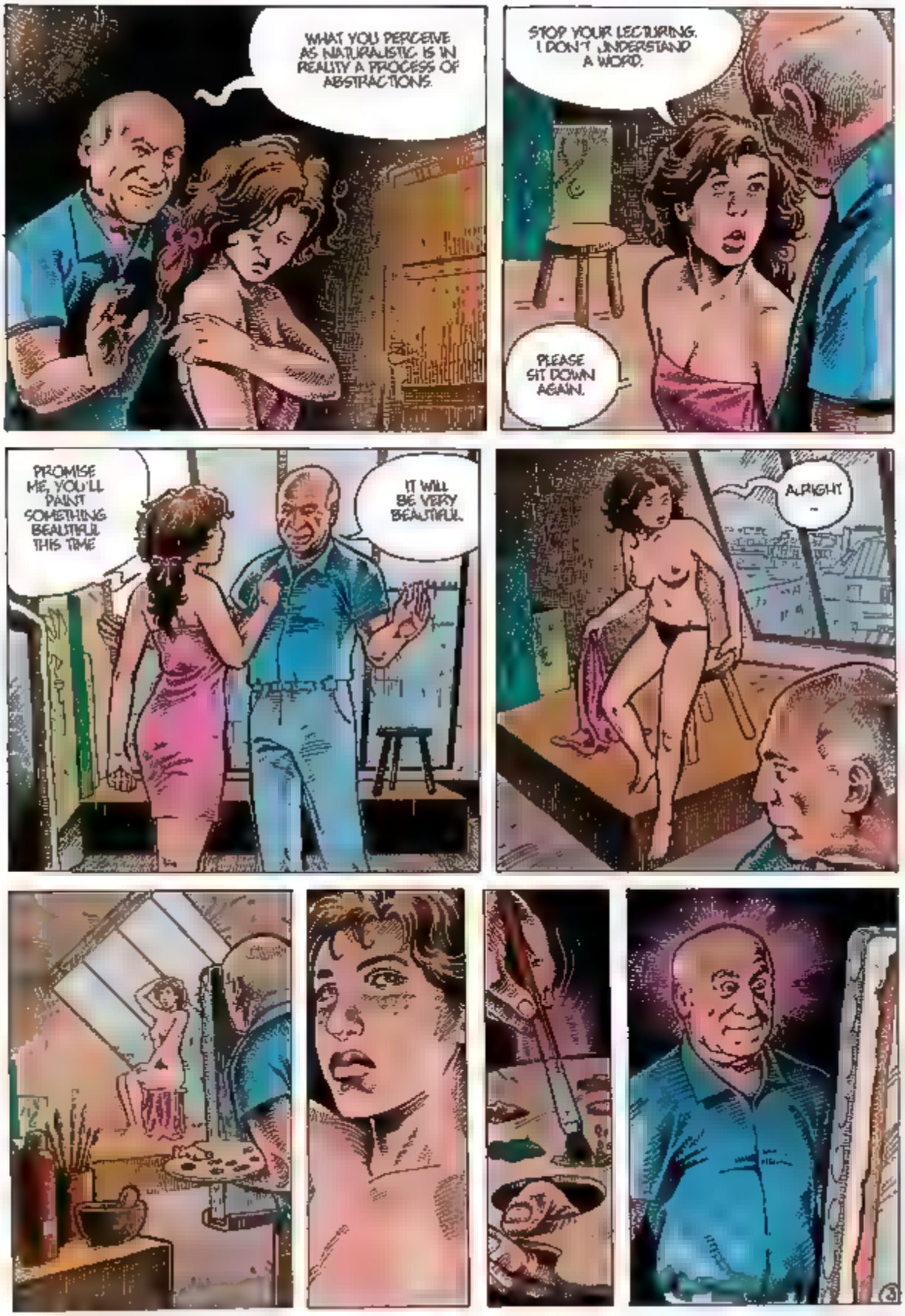
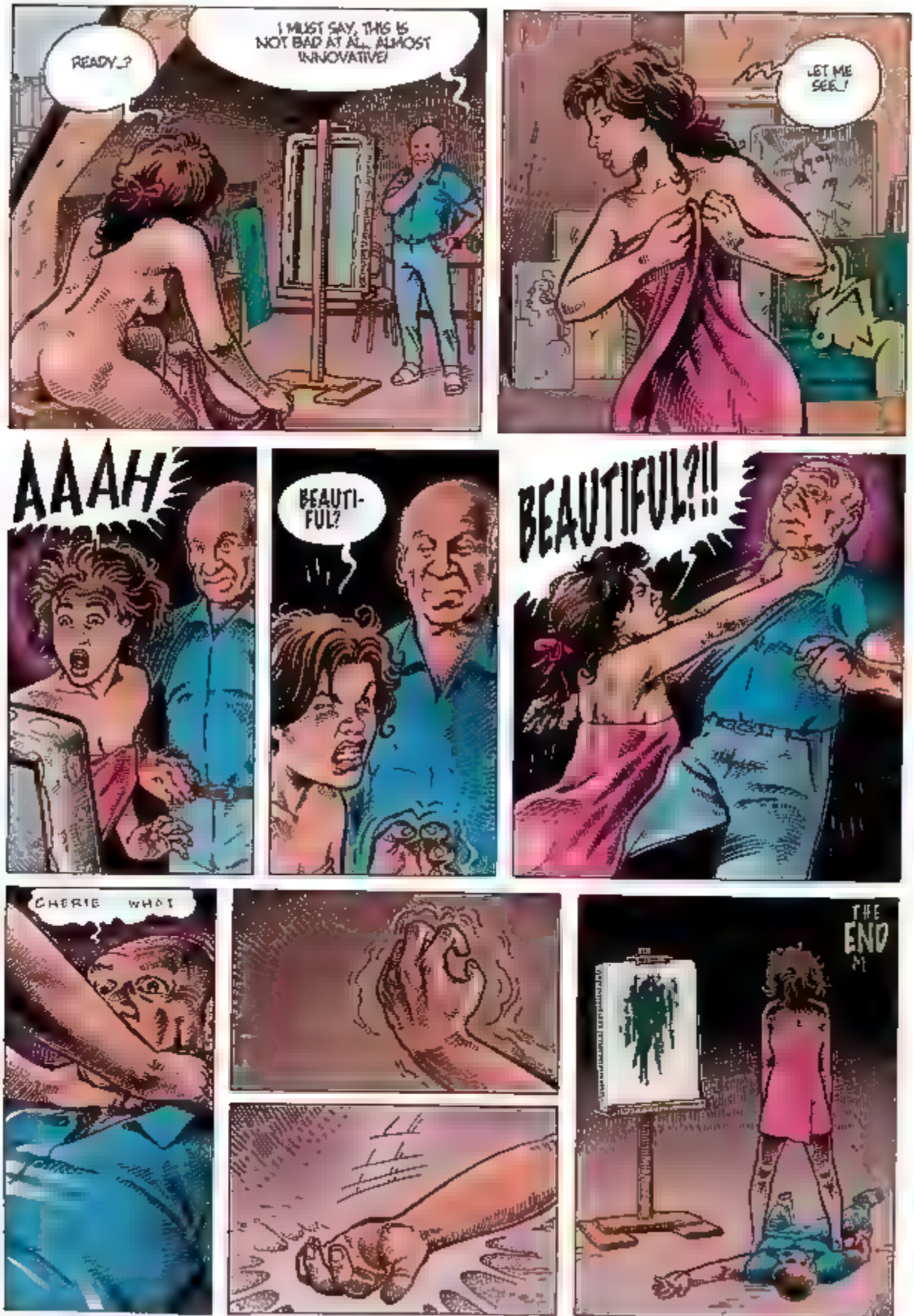

WHAT IS IT? PLEASE DON'T LEAVE.
I'M NOT FINISHED YET.
OH YES, YOU ARE.
I DON'T WANT TO POSE FOR UGLY PAINTINGS
I'M BEGGING YOU. PLEASE SIT DOWN.
NO!
LOOK, CHERIE. I THINK YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, JUST AS THE PAINTINGS ARE BEAUTIFUL, JUST IN A DIFFERENT WAY


WHAT YOU PERCEIVE AS NATURALISTIC IS IN REALITY A PROCESS OF ABSTRACTIONS.
STOP YOUR LECTURING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND A WORD.
PLEASE SIT DOWN AGAIN.
PROMISE ME, YOU'LL PAINT SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL THIS TIME
IT WILL BE VERY BEAUTIFUL.
ALRIGHT -


READY...?
I MUST SAY, THIS IS NOT BAD AT ALL, ALMOST INNOVATIVE!
LET ME SEE!
AAAH
BEAUTI-FUL?
BEAUTIFUL?!!
CHERIE WHAT
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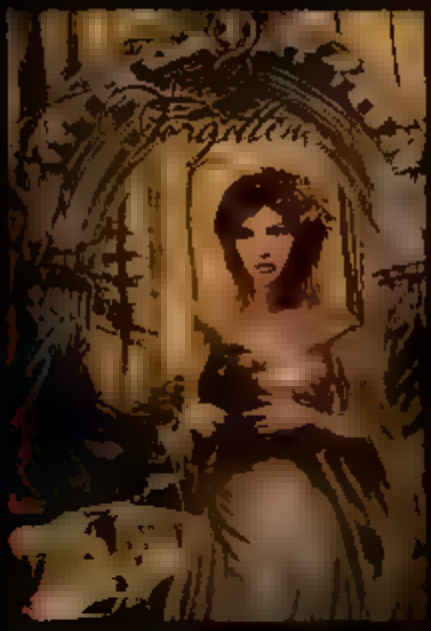

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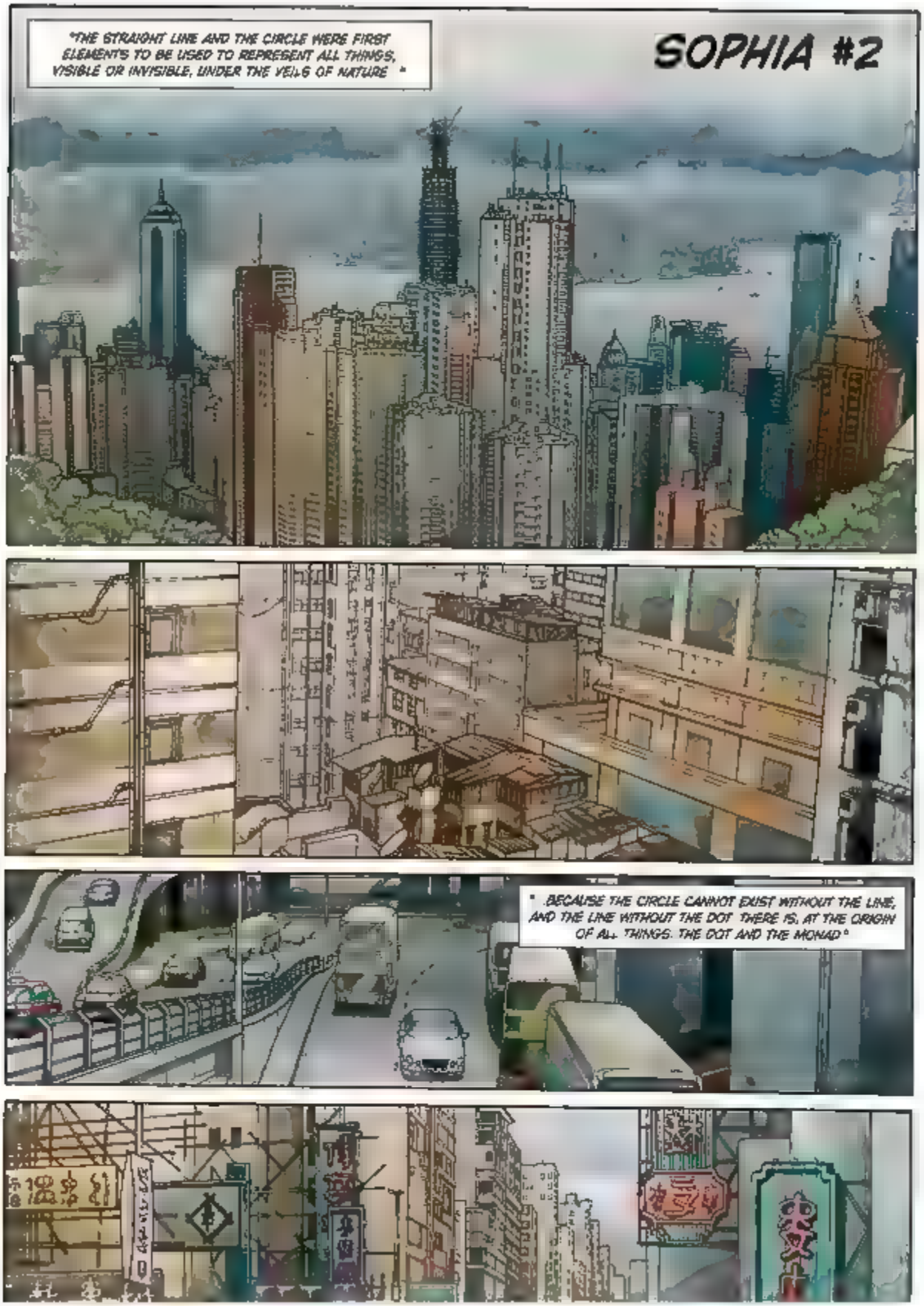
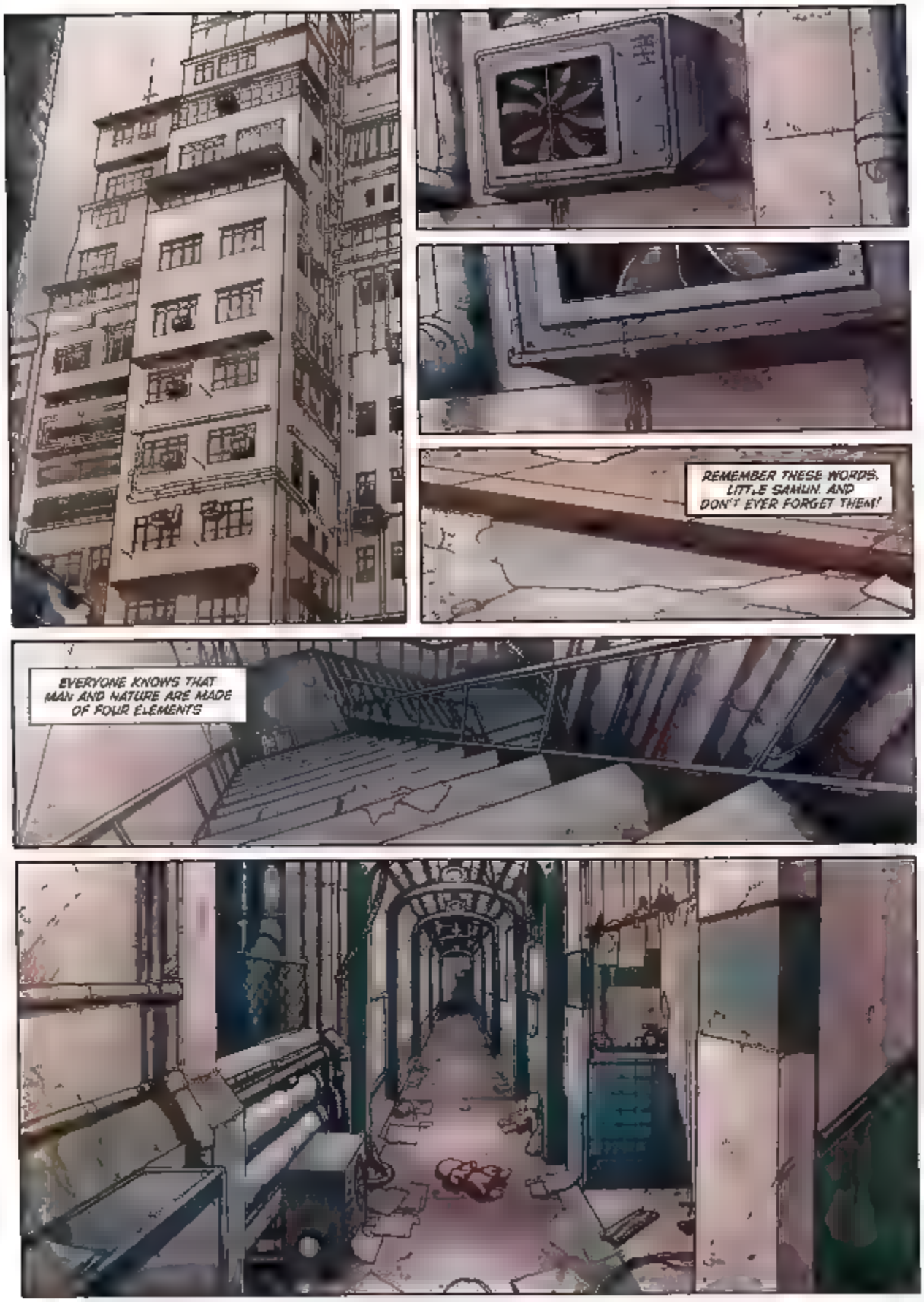
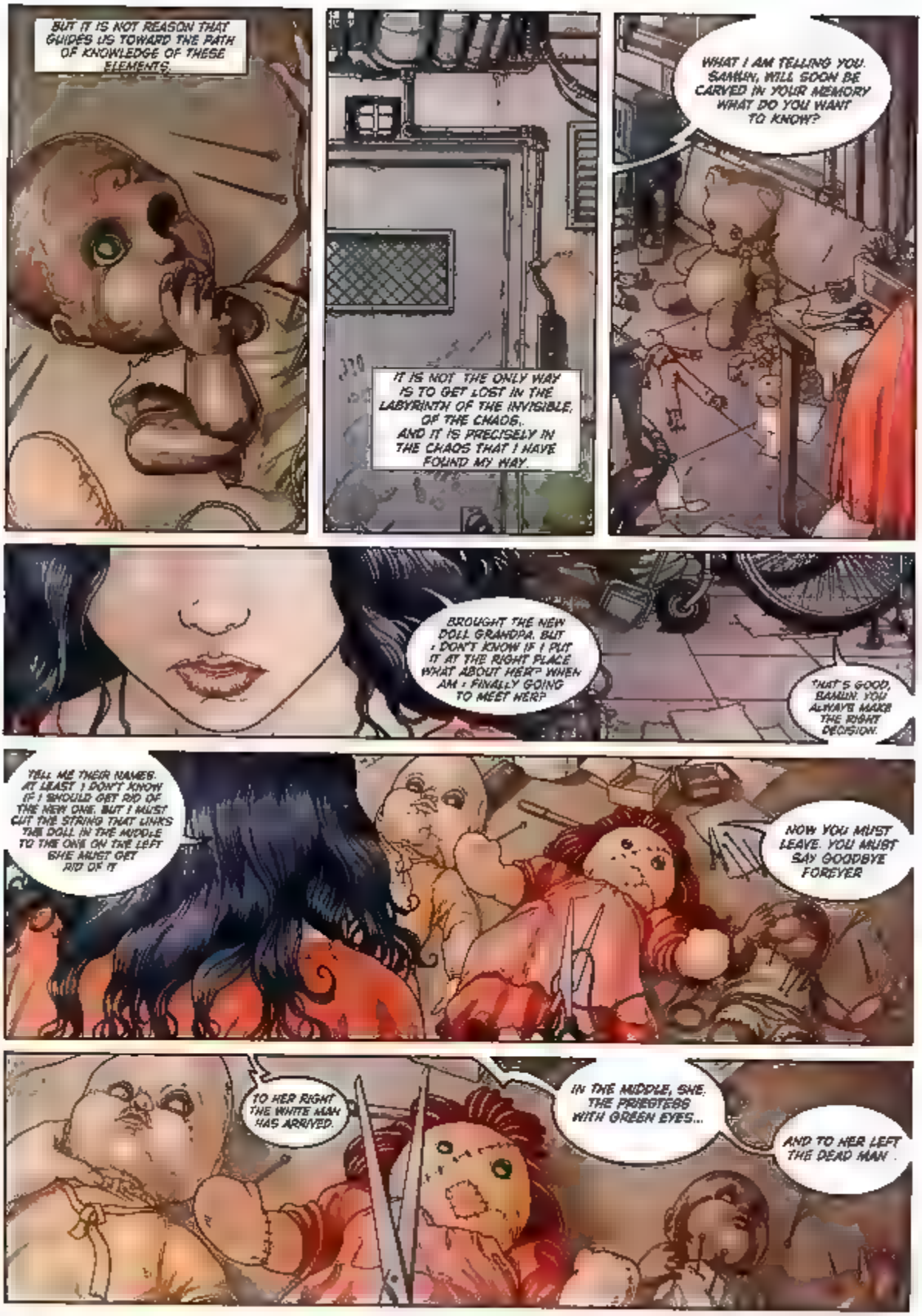
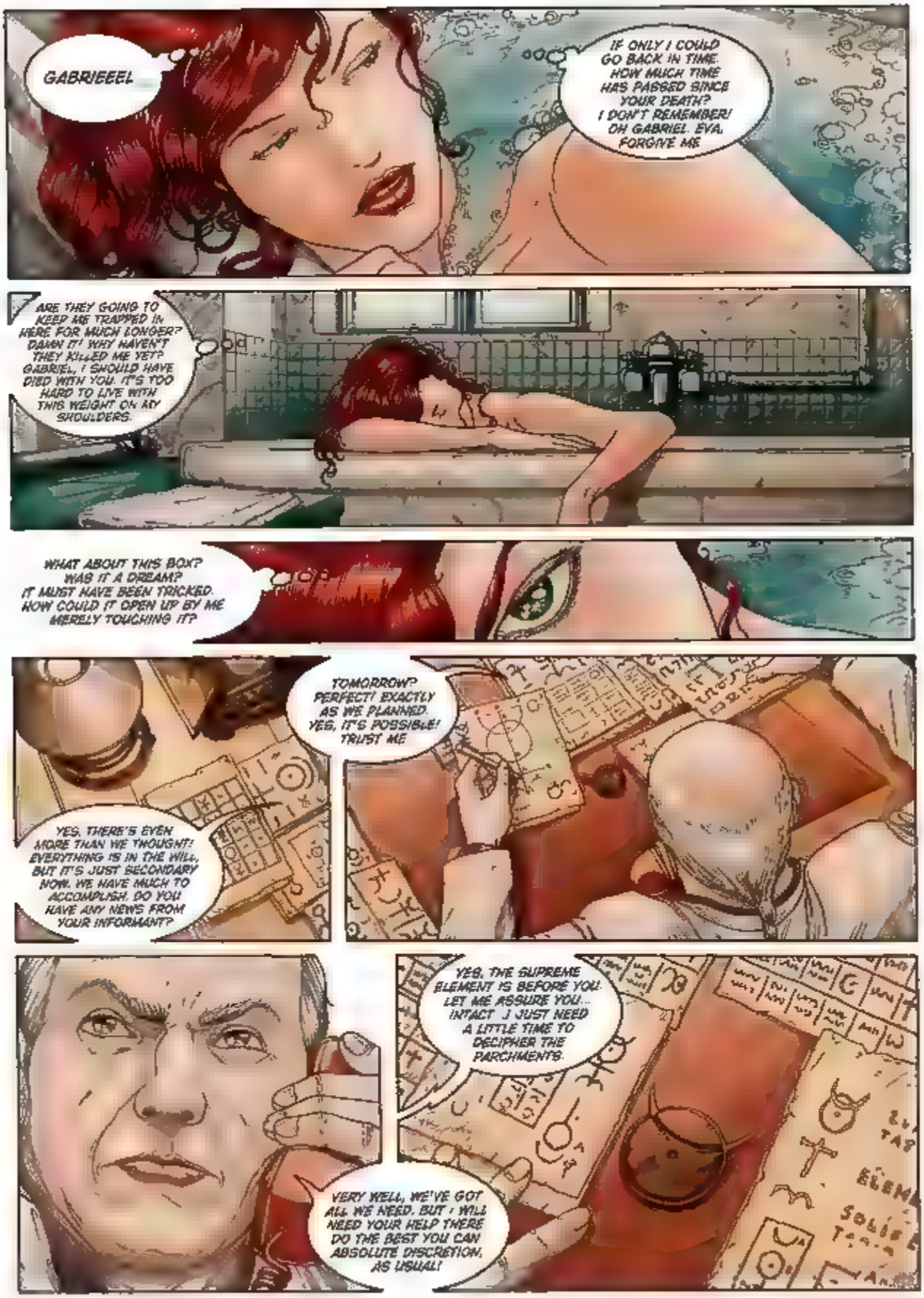

"THE STRAIGHT LINE AND THE CIRCLE WERE FIRST ELEMENTS TO BE USED TO REPRESENT ALL THINGS, VISIBLE OR INVISIBLE, UNDER THE VEILS OF NATURE."
"...BECAUSE THE CIRCLE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT THE LINE, AND THE LINE WITHOUT THE DOT THERE IS, AT THE ORIGIN OF ALL THINGS, THE DOT AND THE MONAD."

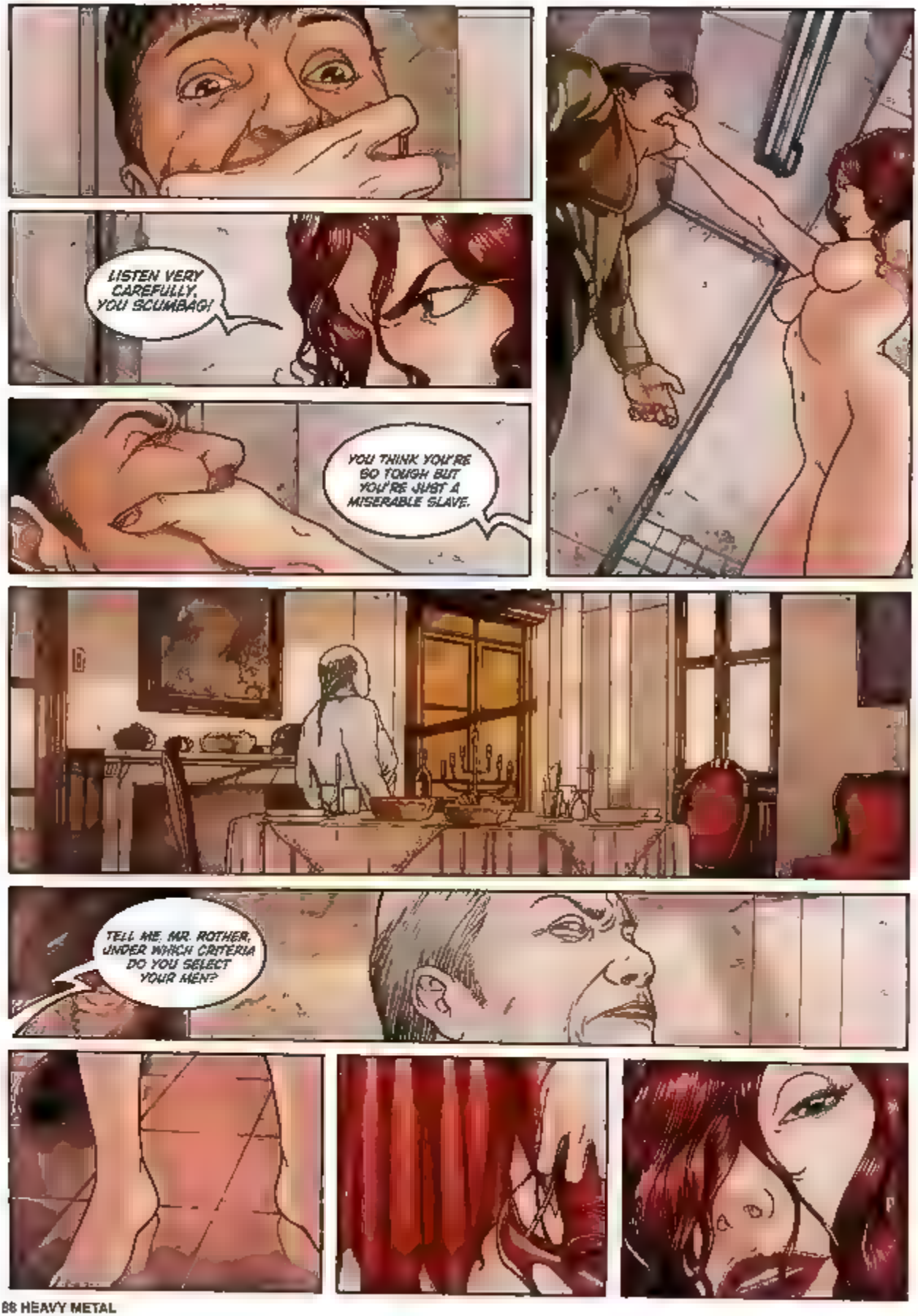

REMEMBER THESE WORDS, LITTLE SAMUN. AND DON'T EVER FORGET THEM!
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT MAN AND NATURE ARE MADE OF FOUR ELEMENTS


BUT IT IS NOT REASON THAT GUIDES US TOWARD THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE OF THESE ELEMENTS.
IT IS NOT THE ONLY WAY IS TO GET LOST IN THE LABYRINTH OF THE INVISIBLE, OF THE CHAOS.. AND IT IS PRECISELY IN THE CHAOS THAT I HAVE FOUND MY WAY.
WHAT I AM TELLING YOU, SAMUN, WILL SOON BE CARVED IN YOUR MEMORY WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
BROUGHT THE NEW DOLL GRANDPA. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I PUT IT AT THE RIGHT PLACE WHAT ABOUT HER? WHEN AM I FINALLY GOING TO MEET HER?
THAT'S GOOD, SAMUN. YOU ALWAYS MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.
TELL ME THEIR NAMES. AT LEAST I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD GET RID OF THE NEW ONE. BUT I MUST CUT THE STRING THAT LINKS THE DOLL IN THE MIDDLE TO THE ONE ON THE LEFT SHE MUST GET RID OF IT
NOW YOU MUST LEAVE. YOU MUST SAY GOODBYE FOREVER
TO HER RIGHT THE WHITE MAN HAS ARRIVED.
IN THE MIDDLE, SHE. THE PRIESTESS WITH GREEN EYES...
AND TO HER LEFT THE DEAD MAN .

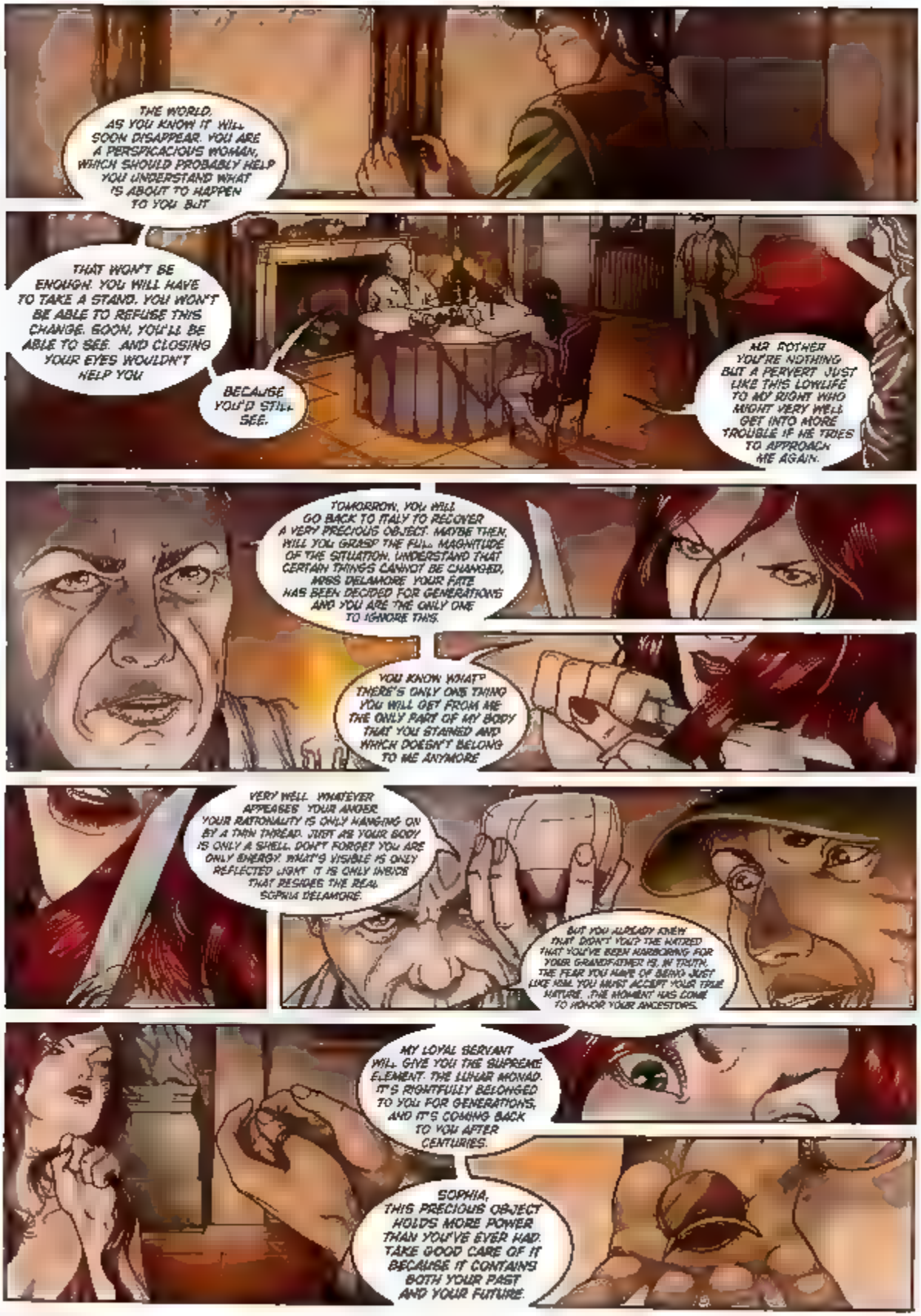

GABRIEEEL
IF ONLY I COULD GO BACK IN TIME. HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE YOUR DEATH? I DON'T REMEMBER! OH GABRIEL. EVA, FORGIVE ME
ARE THEY GOING TO KEEP ME TRAPPED IN HERE FOR MUCH LONGER? DAMN IT! WHY HAVEN'T THEY KILLED ME YET? GABRIEL, I SHOULD HAVE DIED WITH YOU. IT'S TOO HARD TO LIVE WITH THIS WEIGHT ON MY SHOULDERS.
WHAT ABOUT THIS BOX? WAS IT A DREAM? IT MUST HAVE BEEN TRICKED. HOW COULD IT OPEN UP BY ME MERELY TOUCHING IT?
TOMORROW? PERFECT! EXACTLY AS WE PLANNED. YES, IT'S POSSIBLE! TRUST ME
YES, THERE'S EVEN MORE THAN WE THOUGHT! EVERYTHING IS IN THE WILL, BUT IT'S JUST SECONDARY NOW. WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH. DO YOU HAVE ANY NEWS FROM YOUR INFORMANT?
YES, THE SUPREME ELEMENT IS BEFORE YOU. LET ME ASSURE YOU... INTACT. I JUST NEED A LITTLE TIME TO DECIPHER THE PARCHMENTS.
VERY WELL, WE'VE GOT ALL WE NEED. BUT I WILL NEED YOUR HELP THERE. DO THE BEST YOU CAN ABSOLUTE DISCRETION, AS USUAL!

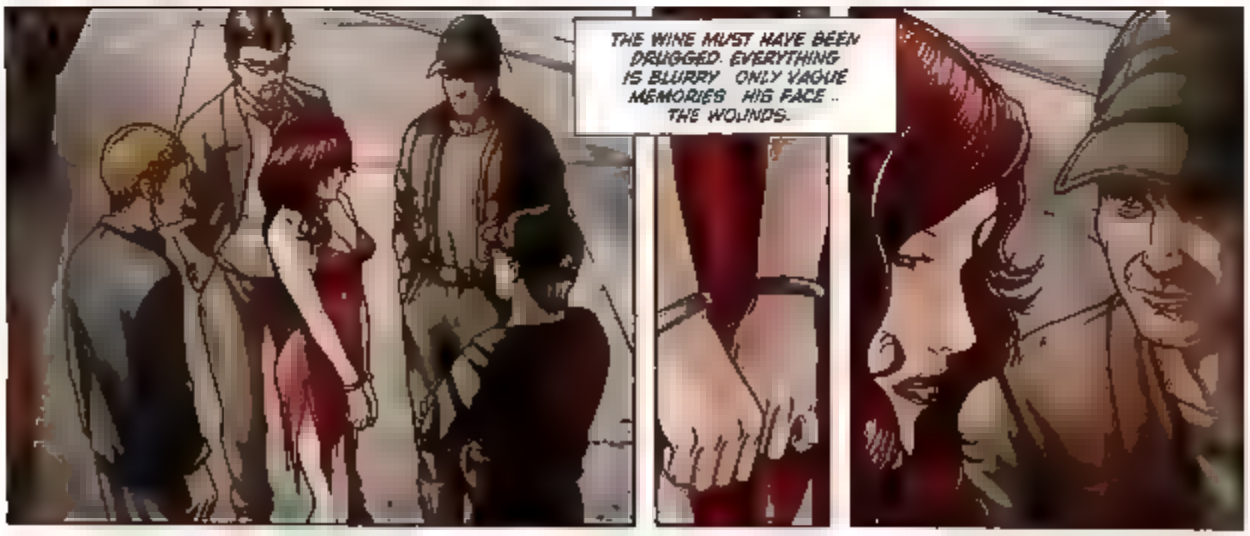
OH MOMMY, WHY AREN'T YOU HERE? I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS I WOULDN'T BE AFRAID ANYMORE TODAY
I MUST REMEMBER. GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, SOPHIA, COME ON
THEY STOLE THE BOX IN VENICE, AND THEY WAITED UNTIL I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE... WHY? WHY DO THEY NEED ME?
BLAM
BLAM
"BEWARE OF YOUR GRANDFATHER!"
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR BATH, MISS DELAMORE
BUT HIS EXCELLENCE ROTHER WANTS TO SEE YOU TONIGHT
YOU WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING DINNER WITH HIM FACE-TO-FACE. YOU SHOULD BE FLATTERED.
HERE ARE THE CLOTHES HE SPECIFICALLY BOUGHT FOR YOU. THEY ARE THE CREATION OF A PARISIAN COUTURIER...
HE ASKS THAT YOU WEAR THEM FOR DINNER...

I WAS TOLD TO DO ALL WE CAN TO MAKE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE. I SHOULD LEAVE YOU ALONE THEN, BUT MY ORDERS ARE VERY CLEAR: TO ASSIST AND ESCORT YOU.
AND SINCE I ALWAYS OBEY MY ORDERS
TELL ME, I BET YOU LET THAT FILTHY INDIAN CARESS YOUR SKIN. SO PALE.
HUM. WHAT A BODY... BEAUTIFUL. ON TOP OF IT, I CAN SEE YOU'RE A REAL REDHEAD..
I MUST ADMIT THAT OBEYING ORDERS CAN SOMETIMES BE VERY ENJOYABLE

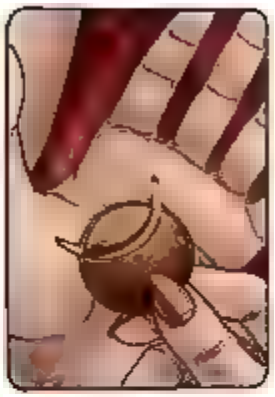

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY, YOU SCUMBAG!
YOU THINK YOU'RE SO TOUGH BUT YOU'RE JUST A MISERABLE SLAVE.
TELL ME, MR. ROTHER, UNDER WHICH CRITERIA DO YOU SELECT YOUR MEN?

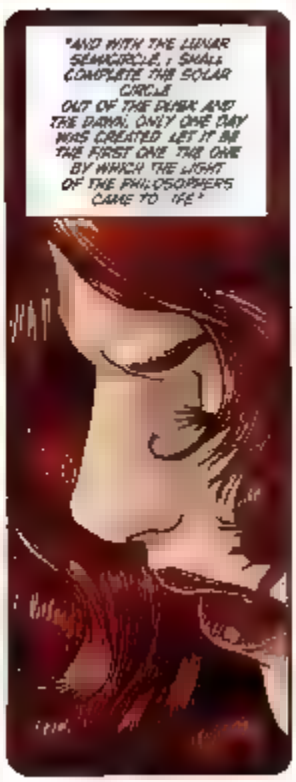
REALLY, YOU DISAPPOINT ME! HOW CAN A MAN OF YOUR STATURE TOLERATE HENCHMEN AS REPUGNANT AS THIS ONE?
UNLESS THIS SCUMBAG GOT THE ORDER TO FEEL ME UP? REGARDLESS, HIS FACE WILL KEEP A NICE SOUVENIR OF HIS IMPULSES.
MISS DELAMORE, MY ABSOLUTE PRIORITY IS YOUR SAFETY! UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T ALWAYS KEEP MY MEN'S PRIMARY INSTINCTS IN CHECK.
I GUARANTEE YOU THAT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN. PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT
BY THE WAY, TAKE YOUR SHOES BACK! I'M NOT HERE TO PLEASE YOU! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD IMPRESS ME WITH YOUR DRESS? WELL, NICE TRY. BUT YOUR THOUGHTFUL PRESENT GOT RUINED! OOPS, SORRY!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGER AND RECOGNIZE MY SHORTCOMINGS. BUT YOUR PRESENCE HERE CALLS FOR A MUCH HIGHER PURPOSE


THE WORLD, AS YOU KNOW IT WILL SOON DISAPPEAR. YOU ARE A PERSPICACIOUS WOMAN, WHICH SHOULD PROBABLY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO YOU. BUT
THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH. YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE A STAND. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REFUSE THIS CHANGE. SOON, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE. AND CLOSING YOUR EYES WOULDN'T HELP YOU
BECAUSE YOU'D STILL SEE.
MR. ROTHER YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PERVERT JUST LIKE THIS LOWLIFE TO MY RIGHT WHO MIGHT VERY WELL GET INTO MORE TROUBLE IF HE TRIES TO APPROACH ME AGAIN.
TOMORROW, YOU WILL GO BACK TO ITALY TO RECOVER A VERY PRECIOUS OBJECT. MAYBE THEN, WILL YOU GRASP THE FULL MAGNITUDE OF THE SITUATION. UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN THINGS CANNOT BE CHANGED, MISS DELAMORE. YOUR FATE HAS BEEN DECIDED FOR GENERATIONS AND YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE TO IGNORE THIS.
YOU KNOW WHAT? THERE'S ONLY ONE THING YOU WILL GET FROM ME. THE ONLY PART OF MY BODY THAT YOU STAINED AND WHICH DOESN'T BELONG TO ME ANYMORE
VERY WELL. WHATEVER APPEASES YOUR ANGER. YOUR RATIONALITY IS ONLY HANGING ON BY A THIN THREAD. JUST AS YOUR BODY IS ONLY A SHELL. DON'T FORGET YOU ARE ONLY ENERGY. WHAT'S VISIBLE IS ONLY REFLECTED LIGHT. IT IS ONLY INSIDE THAT RESIDES THE REAL SOPHIA DELAMORE.
BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT, DIDN'T YOU? THE HATRED THAT YOU'VE BEEN HARBORING FOR YOUR GRANDFATHER IS, IN TRUTH, THE FEAR YOU HAVE OF BEING JUST LIKE HIM. YOU MUST ACCEPT YOUR TRUE NATURE. THE MOMENT HAS COME TO HONOR YOUR ANCESTORS.
MY LOYAL SERVANT WILL GIVE YOU THE SUPREME ELEMENT: THE LUNAR MONAD. IT'S RIGHTFULLY BELONGED TO YOU FOR GENERATIONS, AND IT'S COMING BACK TO YOU AFTER CENTURIES.
SOPHIA, THIS PRECIOUS OBJECT HOLDS MORE POWER THAN YOU'VE EVER HAD. TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT BECAUSE IT CONTAINS BOTH YOUR PAST AND YOUR FUTURE.

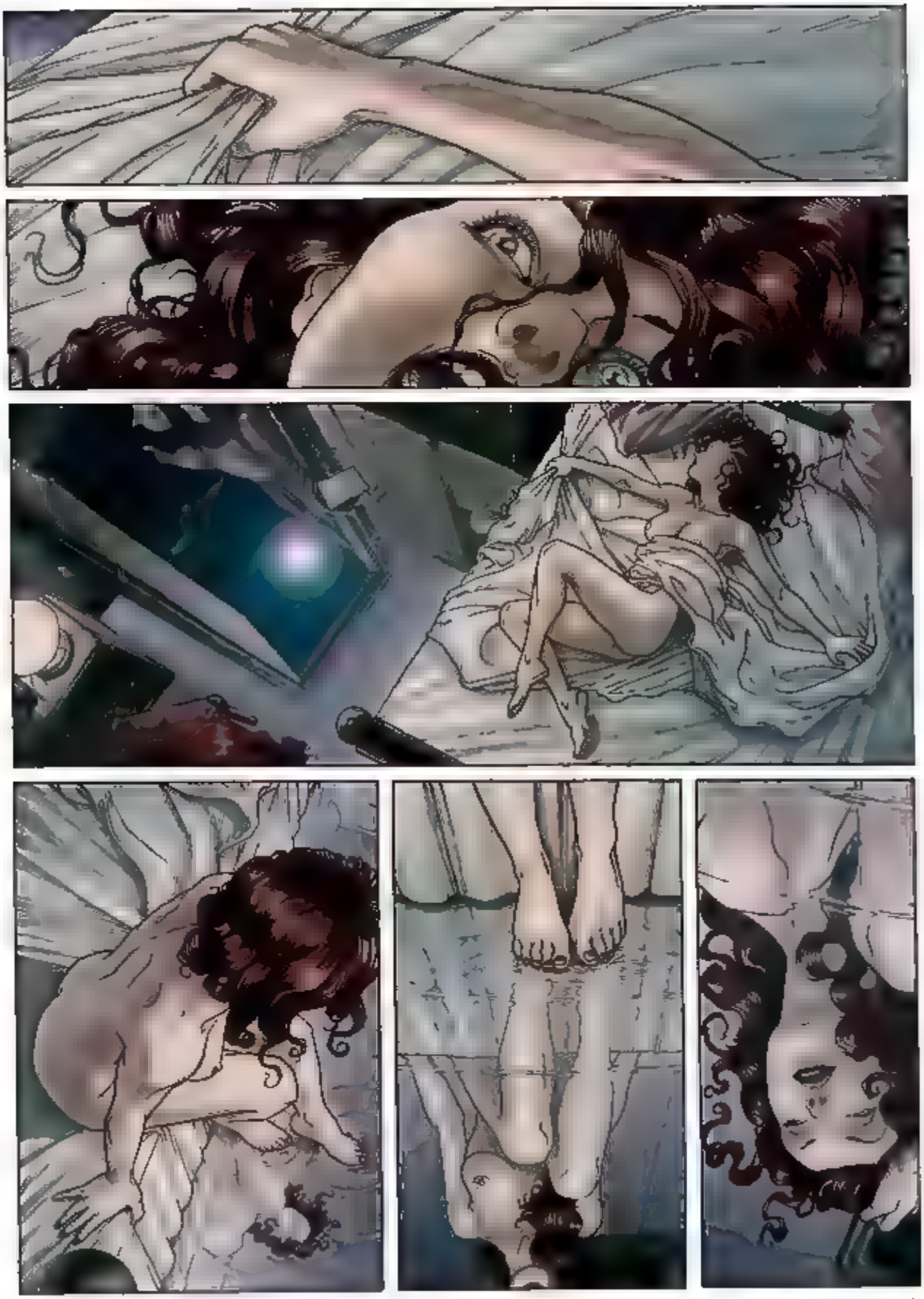

THE WINE MUST HAVE BEEN DRUGGED. EVERYTHING IS BLURRY ONLY VAGUE MEMORIES HIS FACE .. THE WOUNDS.

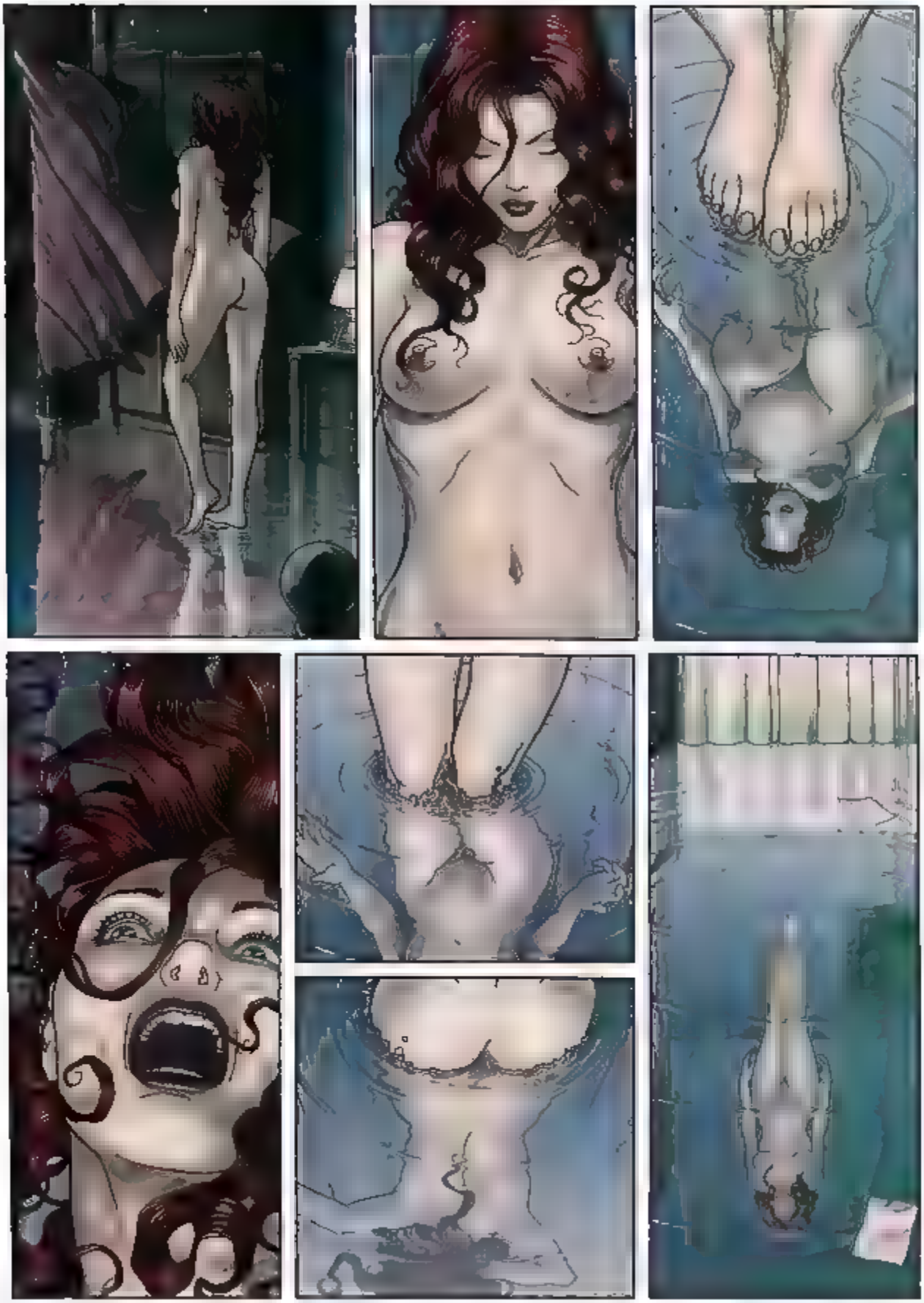
"EVEN THOUGH THE LUNAR SEMICIRCLE IS SUPERIOR AND HIGHER THAN THE SOLAR CIRCLE, IT RECOGNIZES THE SUN AS ITS LORD AND KING. YOU CAN TELL THAT IT REVELS IN ITS OWN SHAPE AND PROXIMITY SO MUCH THAT IT'S BECOME THE SUN'S RIVAL BY ITS APPARENT MAGNITUDE OVER THE COMMON MAN."




"AND WITH THE LUNAR SEMICIRCLE, I SHALL COMPLETE THE SOLAR CIRCLE OUT OF THE DUSK AND THE DAWN, ONLY ONE DAY WAS CREATED LET IT BE THE FIRST ONE THE ONE BY WHICH THE LIGHT OF THE PHILOSOPHERS CAME TO LIFE."

" ...FOR ALL WE KNOW, THERE ARE TWO THEORIES. ONE STATING THAT YOU RECEIVE PART OF THE POWERS AT FIRST CONTACT WITH THE MONAD. OF COURSE, THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES THESE POWERS BECOMES THE UNIQUE HOLDER. "
"BUT THERE CAN ALSO BE A REJECTION OF THESE POWERS. AND NO ONE CAN PREDICT IT IN ADVANCE. BUT NO MATTER WHAT THIS PERSON AND THE MONAD "
" ARE FOREVER ONE "





FUCKING CUNT I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ASLEEP! I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU
WE WILL SOON BE LANDING. HOW MUCH LONGER WILL THIS SEDATIVE LAST?
SO, HAPPY TO SEE VENICE AGAIN? YOU SHOULD REJOICE TO BE BACK IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL PALACE..
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY THEY WOULDN'T CLEAN THIS STINKING CITY THESE CANALS MAKE ME WANNA PUKE
YUK!! I WOULDN'T WANT TO FALL IN THESE FILTHY WATERS

THEY MUST HAVE ALREADY INFILTRATED THE PLACE. CAN WE COUNT ON THEM?
YES! BUT SINCE WE'RE EARLY I HAVE TO GIVE THEM THE SIGNAL I'LL SEE YOU INSIDE
ALL RIGHT, DARLING EVERYTHING MUST SEEM NATURAL. WHATEVER YOU DO, REMEMBER THAT THREE MEN ARE ALREADY INSIDE, READY TO SHOOT YOU
WHY ARE YOU STAYING HERE? DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN HOUSE? COME ON. YOU'RE NOT ON SEDATIVES ANYMORE. MOVE YOUR LITTLE ASS!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE? IT IS WHAT IT IS! EITHER YOU OBEY...
OR YOU TAKE A BULLET IN YOUR SPINE, AND I WOULD BE SORRY TO SEE YOU ROT IN ONE OF THESE CANALS.
YOUR LOOK WOULD DRIVE ANY GUY CRAZY BUT I GOT A GUN AND YOUR EYES DON'T DO SHIT FOR ME SO GET GOING
THAT'S RIGHT SOPHIA.
CHICKS LIKE YOU, NOT ONLY YOU GOTTA TAME THEM, BUT YOU GOTTA TEACH THEM WHO THEIR MASTER IS
DON'T WORRY, WE'RE GOING TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER. I'M SURE YOU WON'T REGRET IT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY ARE YOU STOPPING? CAREFUL OR YOU CAN SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR SPECIAL TREATMENT
POOR LITTLE SOLDIER, IN COMPETITION WITH A WOMAN...IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE AFRAID OF LOSING YOUR HONORARY SEAT NEXT TO YOUR BOSS.
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS OWN MEN? YOU'RE WRONG, MY DEAR!
I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF GETTING THIS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! IT'S AN HONOR TO OBEY HIS EXCELLENCE'S ORDERS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS PLAN.
IT'S THIS CODE OF HONOR THAT I DEFEND IN HIS NAME! AND ANY INSUBORDINATION DESERVES PUNISHMENT!
GO AHEAD, SHOOT ME! YOU'LL GET A NICE MEDAL...
A GOOD SOLDIER MUST KNOW HOW TO POLISH HIS MEDAL AND HIS BLOODY BOOTS WITH THE SAME CLOTH.
CLACK!
POLICE! GET YOUR HANDS UP!! THE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED!
YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS TO DROP YOUR GUN AND STEP AWAY FROM HER, OR I'LL SHOOT YOU!

BLAM
BAM
BLAM
WE'RE GETTING SHOT AT FROM THE SECOND FLOOR! I'LL TAKE THE BACK! IZZO, COVER ME! RENATO, KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
I'M NOT TAKING MY EYES OFF HIM, BOSS!
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
BRRRRTTTTTT
BLAM
BLAM
CRASH!
SPAK!
FUCKING WHORE! HURRY UP OR I'LL BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF!
YOU'RE BUSTED LIKE A RAT! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
I'VE GOT MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES PATROLLING EVERY CORNER OF EVERY STREET YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE. SURRENDER!
ALL I NEED IS A SIGN AND MY MEN WILL BE HERE IN A SECOND. I HAVE NO INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE: SO LET THE GIRL GO IF YOU WANT TO COME OUT OF THIS ALIVE
AND I'VE GOT TWO MEN WITH THEIR GUNS POINTED AT YOUR FACE AS WE SPEAK. LOOKS LIKE THE RAT ISN'T WHO WE ALL THOUGHT IT WAS!
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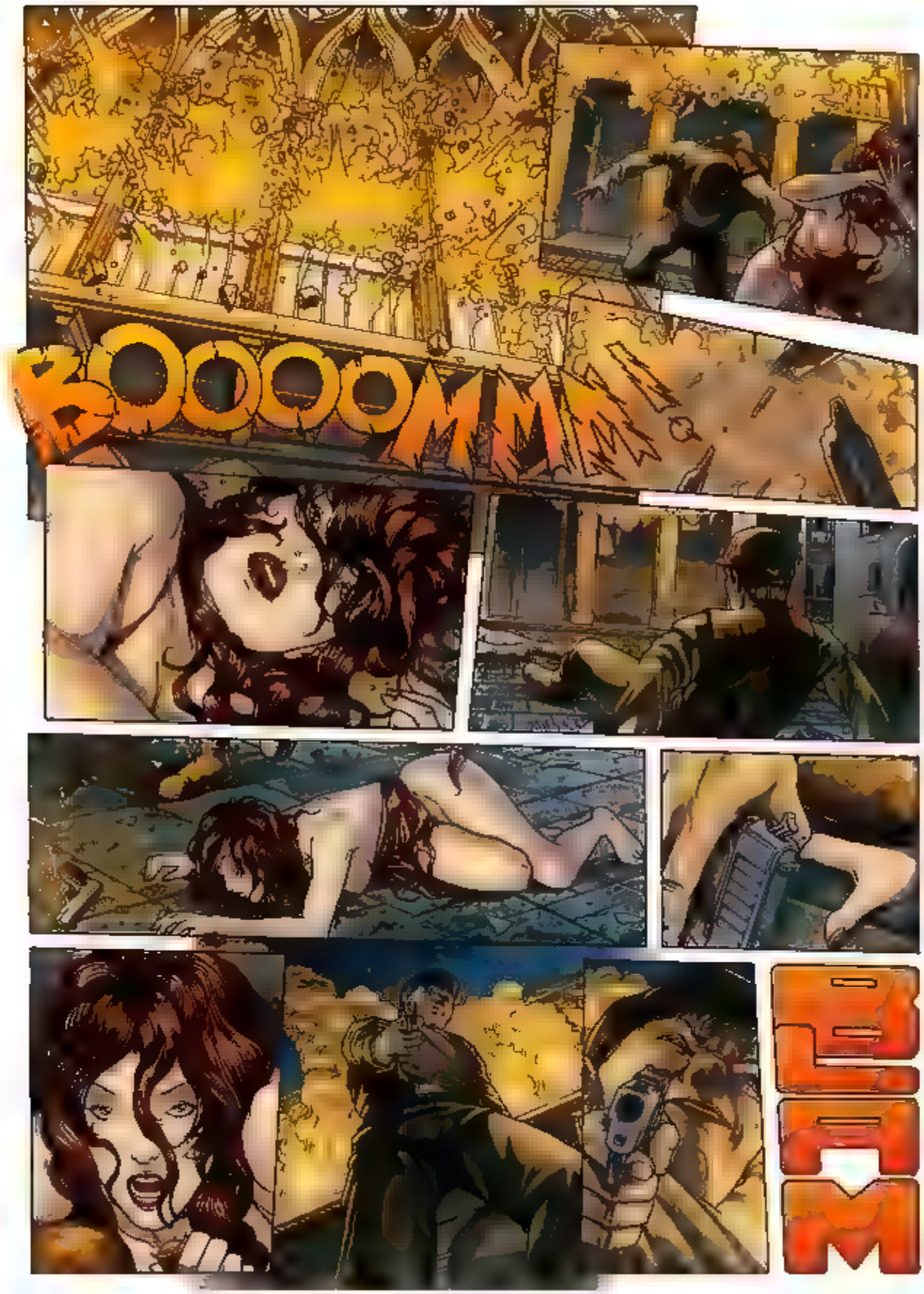
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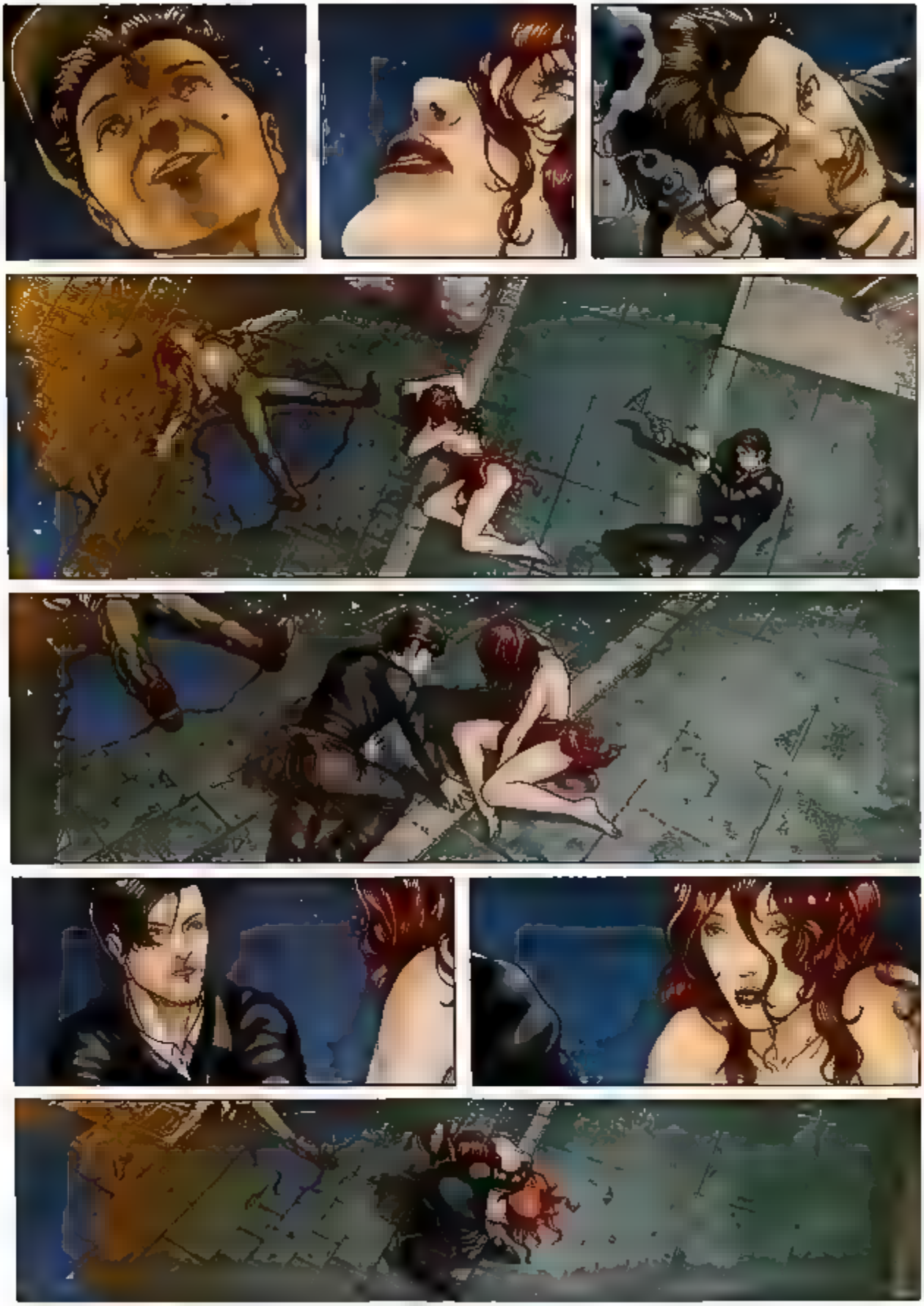


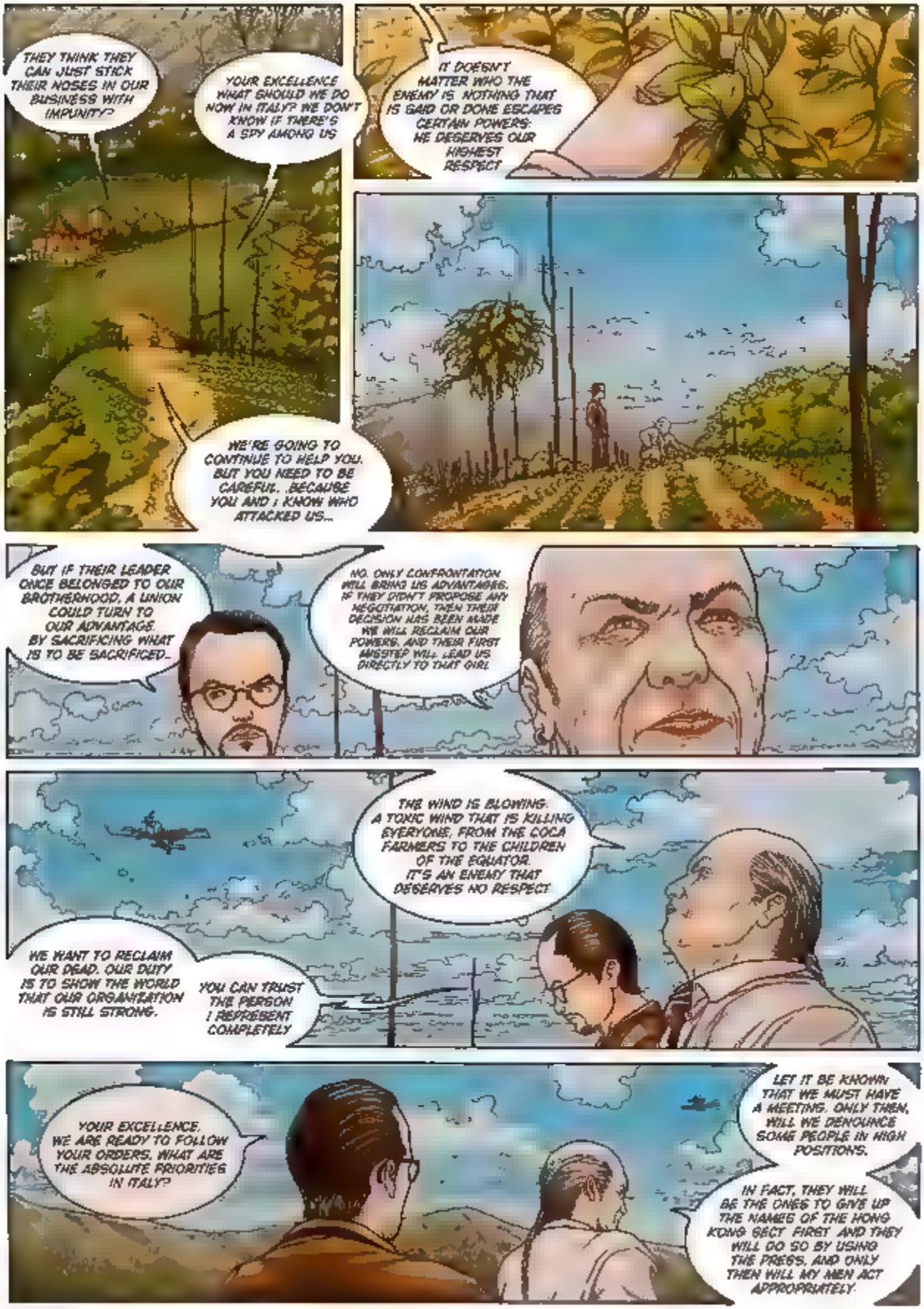
"ALL I REMEMBER IS AN EXPLOSION?" THAT'S IT? YOUR TESTIMONY BRINGS US NOTHING NEW, MISS. LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN PLACED UNDER OUR PROTECTION BECAUSE THIS CASE CONCERNS YOU DIRECTLY. I'M WILLING TO BELIEVE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS ANTIQUE DEALER, AND THUS ANYTHING ABOUT THIS MONEY LAUNDERING SCHEME FOR CRIMINALS.
BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS WHY THE NAGATA PEOPLE WERE SO INTERESTED IN THIS BOX? BECAUSE YOUR INTEREST FOR THIS OBJECT DOESN'T JUSTIFY YOUR CONTACT WITH THIS CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION. WHICH, BY THE WAY IS CONNECTED TO THE LOCAL MAFIA.
I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND TOO. ALL I KNOW IS THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE DEAD BECAUSE OF ME. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE
FAILURE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE DOESN'T HELP YOUR CASE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S NOT THAT EASY AND TONIGHT'S EXPLOSION REALLY GOT OUR ATTENTION. YOU'RE HERE AS A SUPER-WITNESS SINCE I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'VE TOLD ME EVERYTHING YET
IS MANFRED INTERROGATING THE REDHEAD?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER YET...GO ASK FOR COFFEE SO I CAN GET A GLIMPSE!
HEARD SHE'S NOT WEARING ANY PANTIES. KIND OF HOT, THIS OPERATION, ISN'T IT? PAPERS ARE GONNA CALL YOU THE "V.I.P. DETECTIVE"
WHY DON'T YOU GO AND HELP THE GUYS WITH THESE REPORTERS, INSTEAD? MAKE SURE YOU BLOCK THESE PAPARAZZI AND HURRY UP! OR, AND DON'T MAKE ANY PLANS FOR TONIGHT YOU'RE ON DUTY
DON'T WORRY MISS. THIS STAYS BETWEEN YOU AND I. IT'S IN OUR OWN INTEREST THAT YOUR NAME DOESN'T APPEAR ANYWHERE. AT LEAST UNTIL TOLENI'S INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED, YOU CAN CONSIDER OUR CONVERSATION OFF THE RECORD.
DETECTIVE TOLENI.
CAPTAIN, THE CHIEF OF POLICE IS WAITING FOR YOU. BUT BEWARE OF THESE PAPARAZZI, THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!
VINCENZO, SOMETHING WRONG?
THE SECOND REPORT FROM THE CSI CONFIRMS THAT THERE WASN'T ANY TRACE OF EXPLOSIVES. AND THE GAS INSTALLATIONS WERE CHECKED RECENTLY. SOMETHING'S MISSING. EVEN IF CSI DOESN'T GET IT

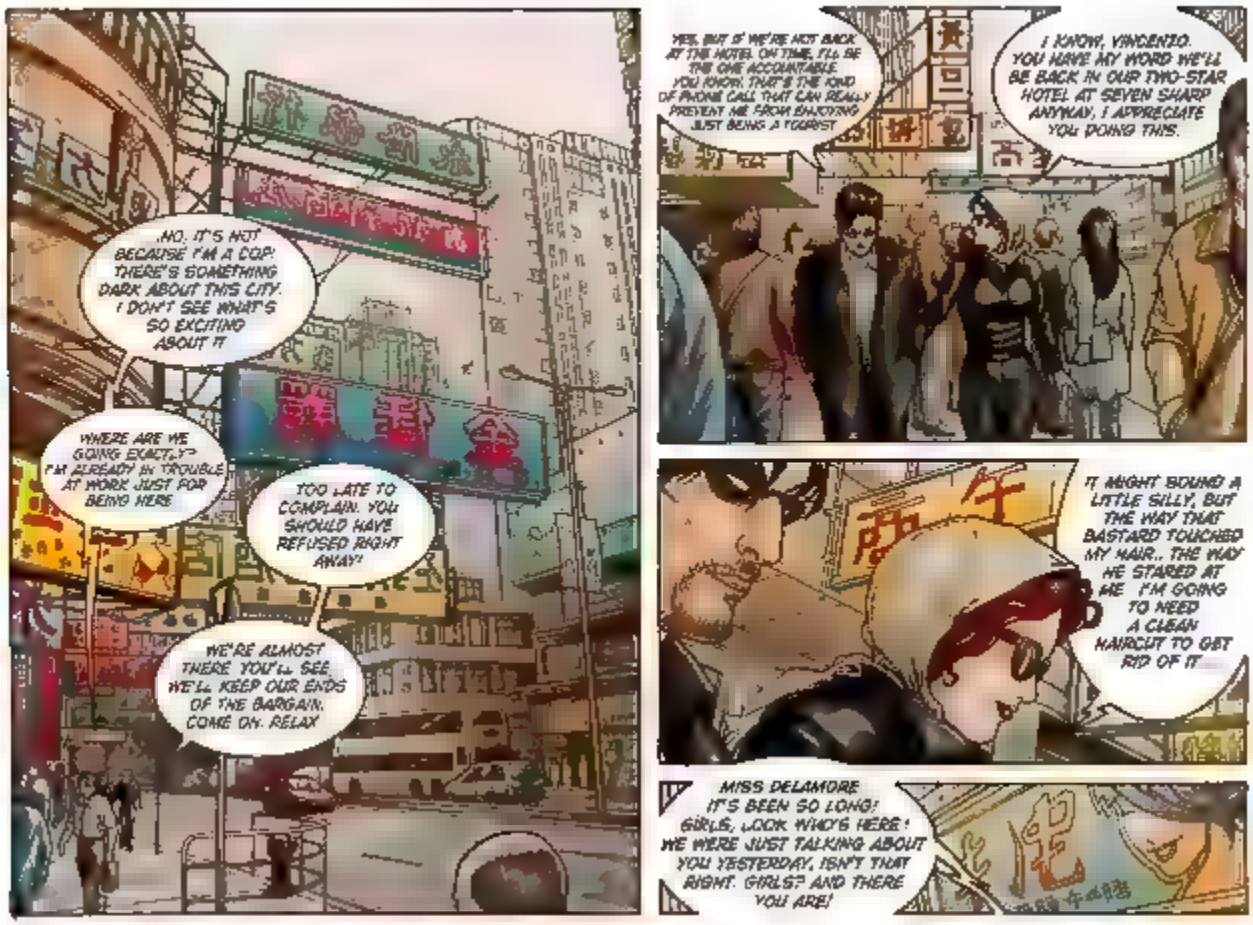
DETECTIVE, I MUST APOLOGIZE. LAST TIME I PASSED JUDGMENT ON YOU WITHOUT KNOWING YOU WHEN YOU WERE JUST
I WAS JUST DOING MY JOB
FOR ALL THAT, YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE MISS. I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE. MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF IS THAT CLEAR?
WHAT YOU THINK OF ME IS IRRELEVANT BUT YOUR ATTITUDE YOU LEFT FOR COLOMBIA EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE TIED TO A MURDER INVESTIGATION
YOU PLAYED THE ROLE OF THE SECRET AGENT AND TONIGHT YOU ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF MY MEN
LISTEN. DETECTIVE. I ALREADY TOLD YOUR CAPTAIN EVERYTHING I KNOW. WHY ARE YOU KEEPING ME HERE?
ALL RIGHT LET'S START WITH THIS: WHO ARE YOU BELLE?
ONLY THE NASATA PEOPLE COMMUNICATE WITH THE LOCAL MAFIA THROUGH CODIFIED MESSAGES PRINTED IN THESE TABLOIDS! OUR SPECIALIST HAD DECIPHERED THE ONE ANNOUNCING YOUR COMEBACK!
YES, SO? PAPARAZZI HARASS ME ALL THE TIME. TABLOIDS DON'T AFFECT ME!
BUT WE MUST HAVE MADE A MISTAKE BECAUSE THE EXPLOSION KILLED BOTH THE NASATAS AND THE MAFIOSI WHO WERE PRESENT! WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT A THIRD ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THIS SCHEME?
WHY DON'T YOU DISCUSS THIS WITH MY LAWYERS?! MY HOUSE WAS DESTROYED AND I'M STILL IN SHOCK
..SO IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT GOSSIP
OH, BUT IF IT WAS ONLY GOSSIP. I WOULDN'T PAY THAT MUCH ATTENTION TO IT!
BUT CAN TELL YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT IT NOR DO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND. DO YOU THINK YOUR LAWYERS COULD HAVE PREVENTED THAT EXPLOSION?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH PEOPLE MORE POWERFUL THAN EVEN THE MAFIA AND THE NASATAS TOGETHER! YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE! LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE START: WHAT WERE THE NASATAS LOOKING FOR IN YOUR PALACE?
I GAVE YOU THE NAME OF THEIR LEADER: WHY DON'T YOU GO ASK HIM DIRECTLY? THAT WAY, IT'LL BE CLEAR, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR
WELL, IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN, SOPHIA, YOU'RE IN REAL DANGER!
AND YOU WOULD HAVE MADE THAT UP? YOU PRETEND TO WORRY ABOUT ME. BUT WHAT IF YOU WERE LOOKING FOR THE SAME THING THESE CRIMINALS ARE?

FAIR ENOUGH, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT FROM NOW ON, I WILL BE LIKE YOUR SHADOW. SO STOP YOUR WHINING AND YOUR MIND GAMES. I'M A COP AND YOUR HOSTILITY ISN'T HELPING
IN FIFTEEN YEARS ON THE JOB, I'VE SEEN MY SHARE OF CRIMINALS. AND CONSIDERING HOW DANGEROUS THESE ARE, THEY'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE KILLING YOU. YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT THEM, NOT ME.
BECAUSE BY GOING TO COLOMBIA, YOU FELL INTO THEIR TRAP, SOPHIA! WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THAT ROTHER GUY FOR YEARS. BUT EVEN WORSE
THAT'S ENOUGH! ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR SOMEONE YOU'VE KNOWN A.I. ALONG? BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM ME?! OH, FORGET. YOU CAN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE I AM YOUR NUMBER ONE WITNESS. GO CHARM ME WITH SOMETHING ELSE!
THAT WAY I WON'T HAVE TO TESTIFY AND WE CAN FINALLY BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER
SOPHIA, ONE MORE TIME, SOMEONE ATTACKED TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT LEAVING ANY TRACE. SO BELIEVE ME YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED
BECAUSE I'M PROBABLY NOT THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE GUESSED THAT YOU HOLD THE KEY TO THIS MYSTERY HONESTLY, I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER IF YOU SHOWED A LITTLE CONCERN...
THAT'S THE WAY I WAS MADE. I PREFER RISK TO FEAR. BUT LET'S PRETEND I TRUSTED YOU, WHY WOULD YOU RISK YOUR OWN LIFE FOR ME?
THAT'S LIKE ASKING WHY I BECAME A COP... WHO KNOWS? A HIGHER CALLING? ANYWAY, TOMORROW I'M OFF TO HONG KONG AND YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.
I WAS ON THE ASIAN TRAIL BEFORE YOU WENT TO COLOMBIA. THE ANTIQUE DEALER THAT YOU MET LEFT CLUES THERE. SO, FROM NOW ON, NO MORE INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS. I'D LIKE TO PROTECT YOU, BUT ON ONE CONDITION...
FROM THIS DAY ON, YOU WILL NOT BE LEFT ALONE FOR A SECOND. YOU MUST BELIEVE ME BECAUSE A TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS COORDINATES MY EVERY MOVE AND DECISION. BEFORE I GO, I'M ASKING YOU ONE LAST TIME: WHAT WERE THEY AFTER?
LET'S GO... I NEED TO TAKE A SHOWER. I CAN STILL FEEL THE SMELL OF THIS MAN ON MY SKIN...

DO YOU REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE DIPLOMAT WHO WAS INVOLVED IN OUR OPERATION? WELL, HERE ARE THE PAGES THAT WERE TAKEN OUT FROM THE INVESTIGATION. IT HAD BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE THEY WERE LEFT AT THE ANTI-MAFIA UNIT. BUT I GOT A HOLD OF THEM.
YOU LEFT THE UNIT, BUT I DIDN'T. THIS DIPLOMAT IS STILL ON MY MIND...WHEN CORRUPTION STRIKES FROM WITHIN, IT'S HARD TO ENJOY A PROMOTION. DOES MANFREDI KNOW YOU CALLED ME?
NO, HE DOESN'T. IT'S ALREADY COMPLICATED ENOUGH FOR HIM. CAN I TRUST YOUR INFORMANT IN HONG KONG? REALLY, WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT HE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THE EXPLOSION.
WITH THIS INFORMATION, SOME HEADS WILL FALL. I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE IT'S IN THE RIGHT HANDS...
SO, VINCENZO, YOU'RE BACK ON THE BATTLEFIELD WHEN THE FIGHT IS ALREADY LOST. ARE YOU DOING IT FOR THIS WOMAN?
NO MATTER WHAT IT WILL END UP IN THE WRONG HANDS. BECAUSE OF HIS PAST, HE'S GOT MORE INTEREST IN CHOPPING DOWN SOME OF THESE HEADS HIMSELF...
FALCO, YOU KNOW ME. BACK THEN, THE ACCUSATIONS ABOUT THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SERVICES AND THE MAFIA WERE ALL REFUTED. NOW, THEY'RE ALL FREE.
GO TELL THAT TO THOSE WHO WERE BURIED IN THEIR UNIFORMS. FORGETTING ABOUT THAT DAY WOULD BE LIKE SPITTING ON THE BLOOD OF OUR DEAD COLLEAGUES...
AND I DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE SMELL OF YOUR CIGARS IN THE HALLWAY EITHER. .LATER "X-9 VINNIE" I CAME TO REASON WITH YOU BUT YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED...
YOU'RE WRONG. I HAVE CHANGED. EVEN IF I'M JUST A MERE DETECTIVE TO YOU! AND I QUIT
AND WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS... AND GINO? TOMORROW HE'LL READ THE PAPERS...
YOUR NAME WON'T APPEAR ANYWHERE. EVEN IF THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEBODY READY TO SCREW UP TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK FOR A SCOOP...

THINKING THAT NOBODY KNOWS WHERE I AM MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M AWAY FROM EVERYTHING. I HAVE TO CALL GINO
IMPOSSIBLE. THERE'S A PASSWORD ON THE PHONE AND I WON'T GIVE IT TO YOU. YOU MUST HAVE NO CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD WHATSOEVER. WE CANNOT RISK ANYONE DISCOVERING OUR PLAN. BUT DON'T WORRY. IT WON'T LAST LONG
ALL THE MEMORIES. ALL THE FACES I SAW BEFORE THE EXPLOSION, FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG TO SOMEONE ELSE. LIKE I HAD LEARNED THEM BUT NOT REALLY LIVED THEM. SOME SAY THAT OBJECTS KEEP TRACES OF MEMORIES WITH THEM. EVEN CLOTHES...
AND WHO SAID THAT? SOME ASTROLOGY-ADEPT STYLIST? THESE CLOTHES ARE BRAND NEW. AN UNAPPRECIATED PRESENT. SOME WOMEN PREFER BLACK. IT MAKES THEM LOOK THINNER...
I SAW THE PICTURES IN THE HALLWAY. THESE ARE HER CLOTHES, AREN'T THEY? EVERYTHING HERE IS SO NEAT AND TIDY, LIKE YOU'RE STILL EXPECTING HER...
I HAVEN'T BEEN EXPECTING ANYTHING SINCE I LEFT THE ANTI-MAFIA UNIT. I LIVED WAY TOO LONG IN THE SHADOW OF PIECES OF FABRICS... NOW I KNOW THAT THEY ARE ONLY OBJECTS...
BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN RID OF THEM YET IT MEANS THERE'S STILL A BOND. SHE'S THE ONE WHO LEFT?
NO, I'M THE ONE WHO MADE THE CHOICE FOR HER OWN SAFETY... BUT IN REALITY, I UNDERSTOOD THAT I ONLY WANTED TO PROTECT MYSELF.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WANTING TO PROTECT YOURSELF. BUT AGAINST WHAT?
I COULD HAVE NEVER LIVED IF ANYTHING WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HER BECAUSE OF MY WORK. I CHOSE TO ANTICIPATE BEFORE IT HAPPENED, BUT I THINK I ONLY MANAGED TO RUN AWAY FROM MY RESPONSIBILITIES...


THEY THINK THEY CAN JUST STICK THEIR NOSES IN OUR BUSINESS WITH IMPUNITY?
YOUR EXCELLENCE WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW IN ITALY? WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A SPY AMONG US
WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HELP YOU. BUT YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE YOU AND I KNOW WHO ATTACKED US...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO THE ENEMY IS. NOTHING THAT IS SAID OR DONE ESCAPES CERTAIN POWERS: HE DESERVES OUR HIGHEST RESPECT
BUT IF THEIR LEADER ONCE BELONGED TO OUR BROTHERHOOD, A UNION COULD TURN TO OUR ADVANTAGE. BY SACRIFICING WHAT IS TO BE SACRIFICED...
NO. ONLY CONFRONTATION WILL BRING US ADVANTAGES. IF THEY DIDN'T PROPOSE ANY NEGOTIATION, THEN THEIR DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. WE WILL RECLAIM OUR POWERS, AND THEIR FIRST MISSTEP WILL LEAD US DIRECTLY TO THAT GIRL
THE WIND IS BLOWING. A TOXIC WIND THAT IS KILLING EVERYONE, FROM THE COCA FARMERS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE EQUATOR. IT'S AN ENEMY THAT DESERVES NO RESPECT
WE WANT TO RECLAIM OUR DEAD. OUR DUTY IS TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS STILL STRONG.
YOU CAN TRUST THE PERSON I REPRESENT COMPLETELY
YOUR EXCELLENCE. WE ARE READY TO FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS. WHAT ARE THE ABSOLUTE PRIORITIES IN ITALY?
LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE MUST HAVE A MEETING. ONLY THEN, WILL WE DENOUNCE SOME PEOPLE IN HIGH POSITIONS.
IN FACT, THEY WILL BE THE ONES TO GIVE UP THE NAMES OF THE HONG KONG SECT FIRST AND THEY WILL DO SO BY USING THE PRESS, AND ONLY THEN WILL MY MEN ACT APPROPRIATELY.


NO, IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M A COP! THERE'S SOMETHING DARK ABOUT THIS CITY. I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO EXCITING ABOUT IT
WHERE ARE WE GOING EXACTLY? I'M ALREADY IN TROUBLE AT WORK JUST FOR BEING HERE
TOO LATE TO COMPLAIN. YOU SHOULD HAVE REFUSED RIGHT AWAY!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE. YOU'LL SEE. WE'LL KEEP OUR ENDS OF THE BARGAIN. COME ON. RELAX
YES, BUT IF WE'RE NOT BACK AT THE HOTEL ON TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE ACCOUNTABLE. YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE KIND OF PHONE CALL THAT CAN REALLY PREVENT ME FROM ENJOYING JUST BEING A TOURIST
I KNOW, VINCENZO. YOU HAVE MY WORD WE'LL BE BACK IN OUR TWO-STAR HOTEL AT SEVEN SHARP ANYWAY, I APPRECIATE YOU DOING THIS.
IT MIGHT SOUND A LITTLE SILLY, BUT THE WAY THAT BASTARD TOUCHED MY HAIR.. THE WAY HE STARED AT ME I'M GOING TO NEED A CLEAN HAIRCUT TO GET RID OF IT
MISS DELAMORE IT'S BEEN SO LONG! GIRLS, LOOK WHO'S HERE! WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU YESTERDAY, ISN'T THAT RIGHT, GIRLS? AND THERE YOU ARE!
MAI LIEN, IT'S NO COINCIDENCE IF I'M HERE. I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I WANT AND I KNOW YOUR TALENT WILL MAKE ME HAPPY AND WILL CALM MY FRIEND DOWN..
I'M AT YOUR SERVICE! PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT ON THE SECOND CHAIR. IT'S BRAND NEW!
IT'S THE "RELAXING CHAIR" AN AMAZINGLY RELAXING AND REVITALIZING MASSAGE ONLY FOR OUR MOST LOYAL CLIENTS. YOUR HAIR AND WELL-BEING ARE OUR MAIN CONCERN!
BUT YOU KNOW I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WITH COMPANY? PARDON MY CURIOSITY BUT WHO IS THIS HANDSOME, QUIET GENTLEMAN?
HIM? HE'S MY COACH. HUM.. ACTUALLY, HE DOES SHIATSU MASSAGES TOO HE PLAYS SAY, AND I GO ALONG WITH IT...
VINCENZO, EVEN IF MAI LIEN IS ONE OF THE FASTEST HAIRDRESSERS IN HONG KONG, SHE STILL NEEDS ABOUT HALF AN HOUR. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A WALK AROUND TOWN, AND I'... SEE YOU BACK HERE IN A BIT?

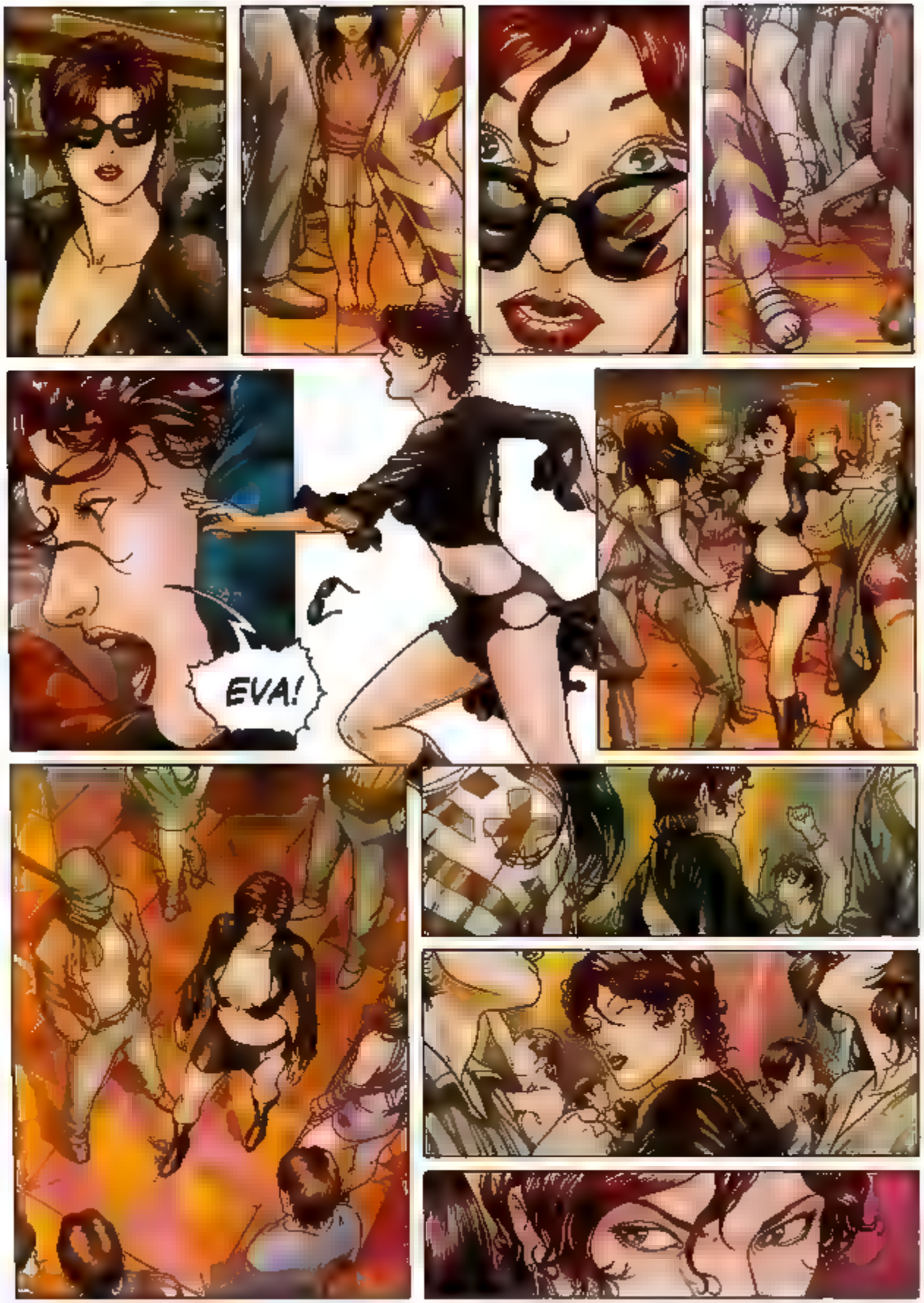
...SHE SAID SHE'D BE BACK IN A FEW MINUTES.
YOU CAN WAIT FOR HER HERE IF YOU WANT. IF NOT YOU CAN JUST MEET HER AT THE MALL. IT'S EASY. IT'S ON THE SAME BOULEVARD...
YOU CAN'T MISS IT! RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. IT'S EASY!
EASY MY ASS!
WAIT! I'LL CALL YOU A CAB TO TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR HOTEL...
THANKS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO...

AS YOU WISH, I WON'T INSIST: THIS DRESS LOOKS GREAT ON YOU. IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS MADE JUST FOR YOU...
THANK YOU, I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO CHECK OUT THE NEW COLLECTION, BUT I'M IN A HURRY. AND IN THIS CASE, AN ITALIAN BRAND IS ALWAYS AN EXCELLENT COMPROMISE...
COME BACK ANY TIME. IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU...
AND YOU HAVE A GREAT SELECTION OF IT!
PERFECT TIMING! SYNCHRONIZED LIKE TWO LOVERS... WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT FACE? THEY DID TELL YOU WHERE I WAS, DIDN'T THEY?
LOVERS USUALLY SHARE DIFFICULTIES TOO, SOPHIA. AND IF THERE'S NO COMPLICITY BETWEEN US, WE'RE GOING TO RUN INTO TROUBLE.
I THOUGHT I WAS CLEAR, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT...
NOW I KNOW WHERE YOUR NICKNAME "K-9 VINNIE" COMES FROM.
YOU NEVER LET GO, DO YOU?
CLUB MEDUSA? I HEARD ABOUT IT. I KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I MADE SEVERAL BUSINESS DEALS IN HONG KONG. I THINK IT'S IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME YOU KNEW THIS DAMN CITY
I WAS SELLING A COMPANY. I SPENT TWO MONTHS AT THE RADISSON HOTEL IN THE ROYAL SUITE
THE CAR'S ON ITS WAY. YOU HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES. AFTER THAT I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE HERE! WHICH WOULDN'T BE DIFFERENT FROM TODAY ANYWAY
FIVE MINUTES IS ENOUGH! BUT THE NEXT TEN WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO RECOVER FROM WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO WITNESS!
NO, FALCO, NO ESCORT. THAT WAS THE PLAN. NO WORRIES. ONCE THE EXCHANGE IS MADE, THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO US, IS A SOLD-OUT PLANE AND WE'RE STUCK HERE...
BY THE WAY, HOW DO THEY CALL ME, THE GUYS FROM YOUR TEAM???

OH, YES, "AN UNCONVENTIONAL MEAN OF INVESTIGATION." HMM, I MUST SAY IT'S QUITE FLATTERING. BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT THEY WERE OLD SCHOOL ?
ANYWAY, IF I'M HERE, IT'S BECAUSE YOU MANAGED TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS! I WONDER WHAT YOU COULD HAVE TOLD THEM TO CONVINCE THEM...
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. IN FACT, I'LL REMIND YOU NOT TO OVERLOOK A SMALL DETAIL...
.. WOULD LIKE YOU NOT TO FORGET IT TONIGHT. WE MUST ALWAYS BE IN VISUAL CONTACT"
AND IF BY ACCIDENT YOU WERE TO LOSE SIGHT OF ME, YOU'D ONLY HAVE TO ASK FOR A TALL REDHEAD WITH ABOUT HALF OF HER BODY NAKED...
..AND THE OTHER HALF, IN VERY TIGHT CLOTHES...
FINE, ONLY TEN MINUTES LEFT..
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT. FOR TONIGHT, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME NO SURPRISES. AT LEAST NOT ON MY PART. ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE PREMISES. IF THE PLACE LOOKS FINE TO YOU, YOU'LL EXCHANGE A FEW WORDS WITH THE BARTENDER. IF NOT YOU'LL CHOOSE A TABLE.
PERFECT. I HOPE THEY SERVE SOME BARBERA. I NEVER SPEND A NIGHT WITHOUT MY FAVORITE ITALIAN RED WINE.

THE COLOMBIAN CARTEL
IN CHINA TO COVER UP THE MONEY LAUNDERING THROUGH A SCREEN COMPANY
I'M WITH YOU BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THAT THIS GUY WILL GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION ON THE NASATAS?
THE VENETIAN MAFIA USES THE SAME COMPANIES THE ANTIQUE DEALER WAS JUST A FIGUREHEAD TO THE VENETIAN BOSSES WHO WERE THE MOST CONNECTED TO THE CLANDESTINE COMMITTEE OF THE BIG MAFIA BOSSES.
ON THESE PAPERS IS THE NAME OF A DIPLOMAT ONCE HE HAS THESE PAPERS IN HIS HANDS, HE WILL BE FREE TO OPERATE IN A SAFE PLACE AWAY FROM ITALY..
OUR INFORMANT IS A FORMER MAFIOSO, HE WILL GIVE US CLUES.

WAIT! HE'S NOT ALONE, THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM.. YOU SAID EVERYTHING WAS CLEAR. WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THEY'RE HIS BODYGUARDS, BUT IT'S JUST FOR SHOW. THE PLAN HASN'T CHANGED. GO TO THE BAR AND STAY THERE. WHATEVER HAPPENS, I NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU
GOOD EVENING, THE WINE LIST PLEASE..
INTERESTING SUNGLASSES; HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF WORKING IN MOVIES?
IF YOU'RE NOT TOO FIXED ON YOUR WINES, ALLOW ME TO PREPARE YOU A COCKTAIL INSPIRED BY YOUR BEAUTY
WHY NOT? I TRUST THE MASTER!
VODKA, TONIC, LEMON AND PASSION FRUIT I NAMED IT "DIVA". IN HONOR OF YOUR SPLENDOR...
DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CREATION OF COCKTAILS WAS GREATLY INFLUENCED BY A JEWELER?
IN FACT THE DIFFERENCE IN 1870 TONIC AND IT'S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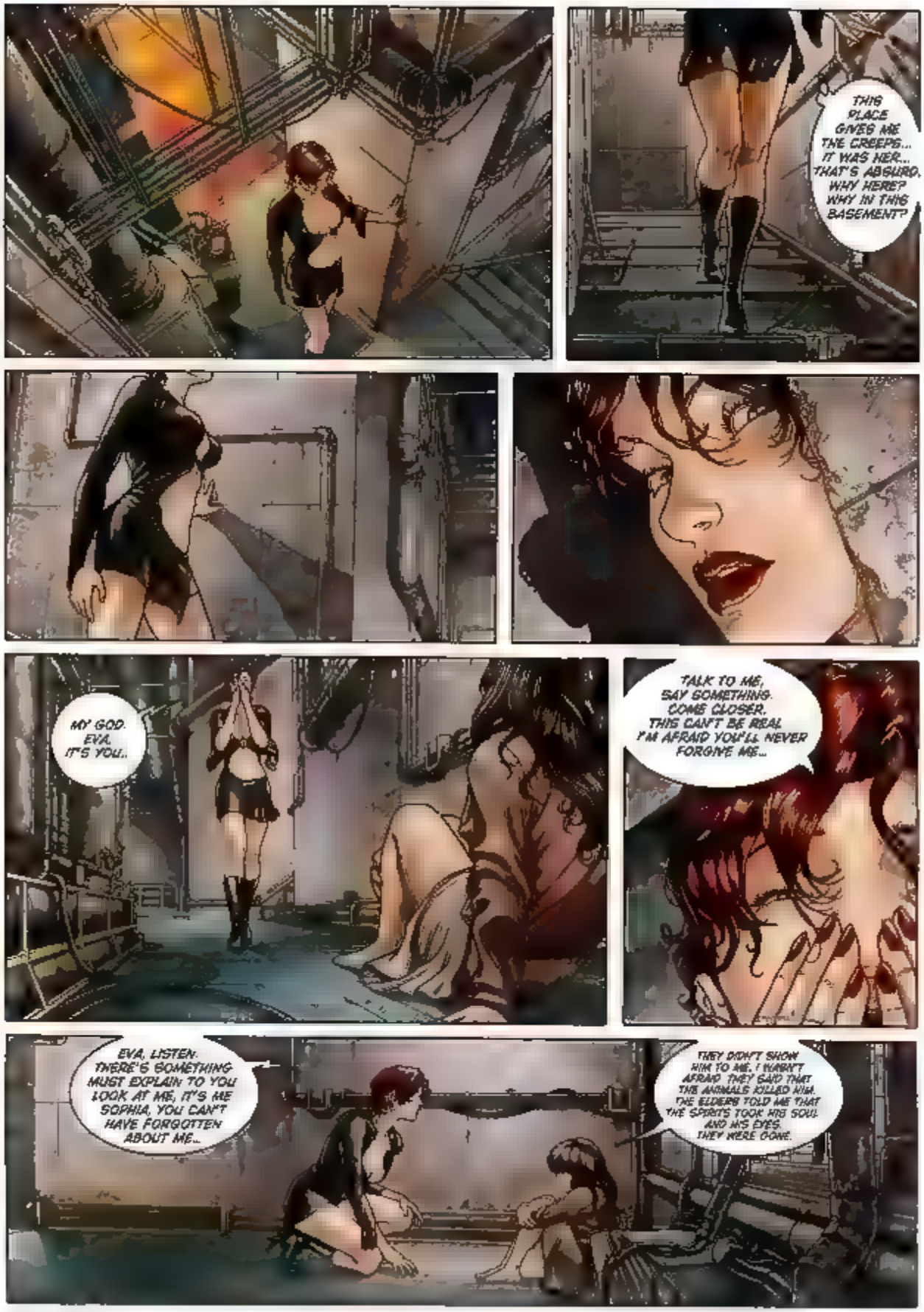
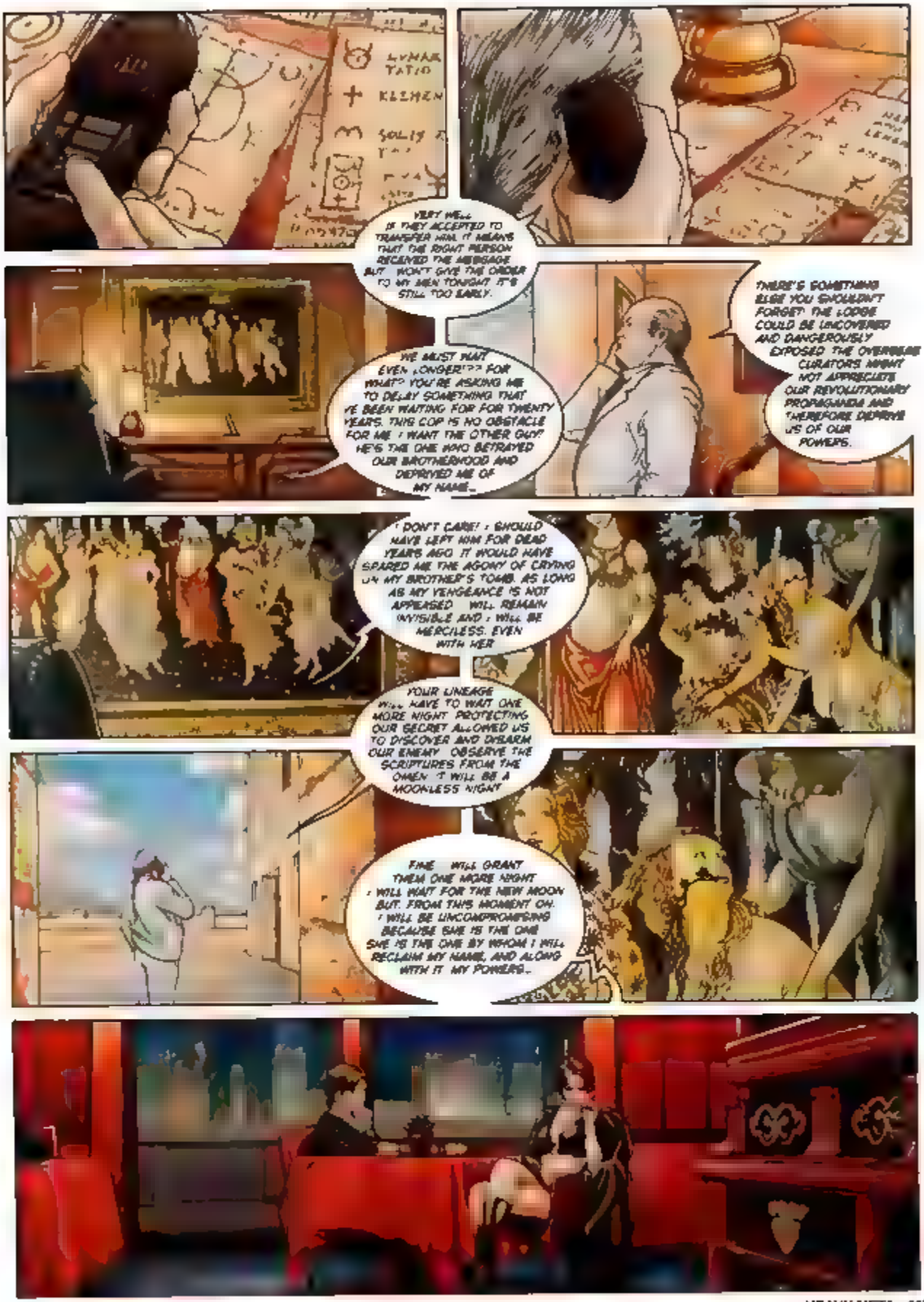

THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS... IT WAS HER... THAT'S ABSURD. WHY HERE? WHY IN THIS BASEMENT?
MY GOD. EVA. IT'S YOU..
TALK TO ME, SAY SOMETHING. COME CLOSER. THIS CAN'T BE REAL I'M AFRAID YOU'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME...
EVA, LISTEN. THERE'S SOMETHING MUST EXPLAIN TO YOU LOOK AT ME, IT'S ME SOPHIA, YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME...
THEY DIDN'T SHOW HIM TO ME. I WASN'T AFRAID THEY SAID THAT THE ANIMALS KILLED HIM. THE ELDERS TOLD ME THAT THE SPIRITS TOOK HIS SOUL AND HIS EYES. THEY WERE GONE.

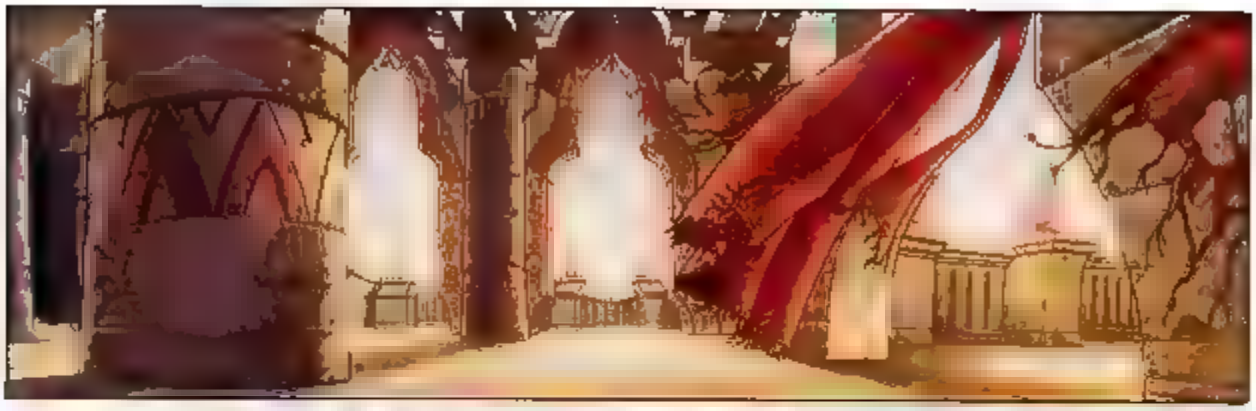
THAT'S ENOUGH. DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD. I BEG YOU. EVA. YOU. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I THOUGHT OF YOU DURING ALL THAT TIME!
FORGIVE ME. IF YOU CAN... FORGIVE ME..
I SHOULD HAVE COME TO FIND YOU AND TAKEN YOU AWAY WITH ME. HE'S DEAD. AND I CAN'T LIVE WITH IT I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU ALONE ANY[redacted]SE BELIEVE ME..
YOUR BROTHER WANTED TO SAVE ME. HE DIED TRYING TO HELP ME.
[redacted] SACRIFICED. NO FATE ESCAPES OUR CONTROL NOTHING HAPPENS BY ACCIDENT IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD...
GABRIEL'S DEATH WAS FORESEEN IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS.
THE IMAGES FOLLOW FATE, AND FATE IS A SLAVE TO DESIRE. YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOUR DESIRE IS STRONG AND THIS STRENGTH REFLECTS THE NECESSITY OF YOUR AWAKENING.
AS LONG AS YOUR AWAKENING ISN'T COMPLETE. WE'LL BE ABLE TO EASILY MANIPULATE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU AND WHAT IS HIDDEN WILL BE REVEALED TO YOU.

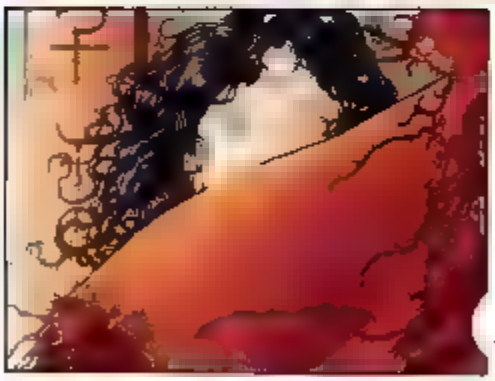
WHERE .. WHERE IS EVA?!! WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?
I AM THE REFLECTION OF YOUR FUTURE I KEEP IMAGES OF YOUR PAST I AM THE BREAKWATER THAT HOLDS YOUR DESIRE AND STIMULATES THE EVOLUTION OF YOUR SPIRIT
[redacted]... I KNOW IT...
THEY WANT WHAT BELONGS TO YOU, BUT WE WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN. SUCH A PURE DESIRE CANNOT BE ALTERED. I AM HERE BECAUSE YOU EVOKED ME...
-YOU WILL LET ONE FULL NIGHT GO BY AND YOU WILL LOOK FOR ME AGAIN, BUT YOU WILL BE ALONE. REMEMBER THIS: NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO CHANGE WHAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. WE CAST THE ELEMENT OVER YOUR SLEEP AND WE WILL WATCH OVER IT UNTIL IT SMOLDERS COMPLETELY...

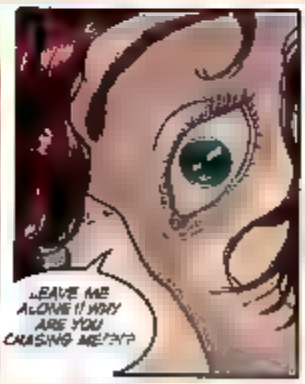

VERY WELL. IF THEY ACCEPTED TO TRANSFER HIM, IT MEANS THAT THE RIGHT PERSON RECEIVED THE MESSAGE BUT... WON'T GIVE THE ORDER TO MY MEN TONIGHT. IT'S STILL TOO EARLY.
WE MUST WAIT EVEN LONGER!?? FOR WHAT? YOU'RE ASKING ME TO DELAY SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR FOR TWENTY YEARS. THIS COP IS NO OBSTACLE FOR ME. I WANT THE OTHER GUY! HE'S THE ONE WHO BETRAYED OUR BROTHERHOOD AND DEPRIVED ME OF MY NAME...
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU SHOULDN'T FORGET! THE LODGE COULD BE UNCOVERED AND DANGEROUSLY EXPOSED. THE OVERSEAS CURATORS MIGHT NOT APPRECIATE OUR REVOLUTIONARY PROPAGANDA AND THEREFORE DEPRIVE US OF OUR POWERS.
I DON'T CARE! I SHOULD HAVE LEFT HIM FOR DEAD YEARS AGO. IT WOULD HAVE SPARED ME THE AGONY OF CRYING ON MY BROTHER'S TOMB. AS LONG AS MY VENGEANCE IS NOT APPEASED, WILL REMAIN INVISIBLE AND I WILL BE MERCILESS. EVEN WITH HER.
YOUR LINEAGE WILL HAVE TO WAIT ONE MORE NIGHT. PROTECTING OUR SECRET ALLOWED US TO DISCOVER AND DISARM OUR ENEMY. OBSERVE THE SCRIPTURES. FROM THE OMEN: IT WILL BE A MOONLESS NIGHT.
FINE. I WILL GRANT THEM ONE MORE NIGHT. I WILL WAIT FOR THE NEW MOON BUT, FROM THIS MOMENT ON, I WILL BE UNCOMPROMISING. BECAUSE SHE IS THE ONE. SHE IS THE ONE BY WHOM I WILL RECLAIM MY NAME, AND ALONG WITH IT, MY POWERS...

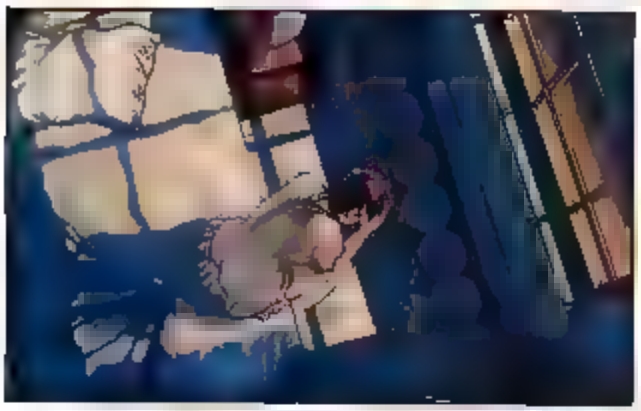
I'M STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER...
STILL ?! I TOLD YOU! I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE WAS DRESSED! I DIDN'T EXAMINE HER, I'M NOT A COP!
YOU ALWAYS WANT TO BE RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING, DON'T YOU? OF COURSE! AND IF I REFUSE TO OBEY YOUR COMMANDS, YOU'RE GOING TO HANDCUFF ME, RIGHT? YOU REALLY THINK I WANTED TO RUN AWAY?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I THINK, SOFIA. I'M JUST HAVING A HARD TIME BELIEVING YOU. FROM WHERE I WAS STANDING, I COULD SEE THE WHOLE THING, AND I DIDN'T SEE ANY COLOMBIAN LITTLE GIRL IN THAT NIGHTCLUB. A CHILD YOU CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE TO ME
YOU'RE ALWAYS READY TO TAKE OUT YOUR BIG GUN BUT YOU CAN'T EVEN COMPREHEND HUMAN EMOTIONS CAN YOU? IF YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO BELIEVE ME, THEN WHY ARE YOU INSISTING WITH YOUR QUESTIONS?
YOU'RE RIGHT ENOUGH WITH THE QUESTIONS. LET'S GO. I'VE GOT WORK TO DO...AND IT'LL TAKE ME A FEW HOURS. IF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT I'M HERE FOR YOU.

5:30
GO AWAY
GO AWAY
THE WORLD, AS YOU KNOW IT WILL SOON DISAPPEAR. CERTAIN THINGS CANNOT BE CHANGED. YOUR FATE HAS BEEN DECIDED FOR GENERATIONS..
STOP IT..
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REFUSE THIS CHANGE. SOON, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE...AND CLOSING YOUR EYES WOULDN'T HELP YOU.. BECAUSE YOU'D STILL SEE.
LEAVE ME ALONE, PLEASE..





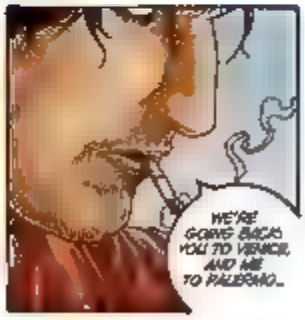

LEAVE ME ALONE !! WHY ARE YOU CHASING ME?!?!?

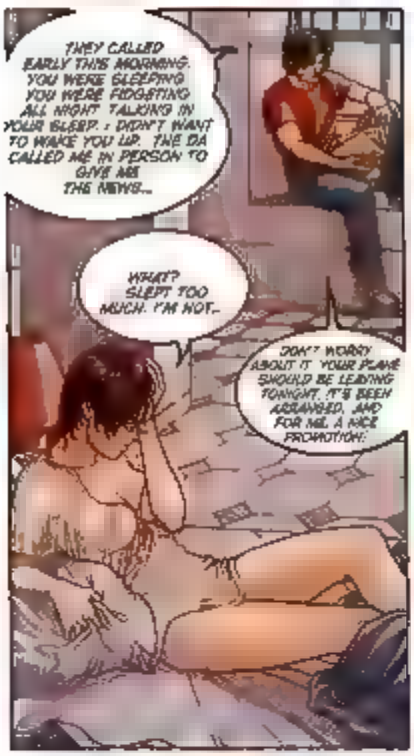


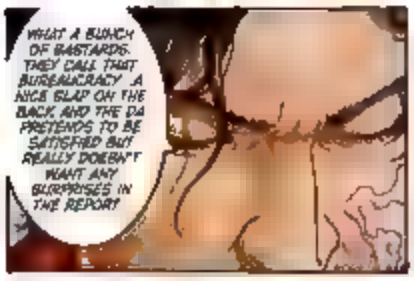
SOPHIA, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'RE SHAKING.

I'M REALLY SCARED. I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP ALONE ANYMORE. PLEASE DON'T ASK ME ANY MORE QUESTIONS. LET ME STAY HERE JUST DON'T ASK

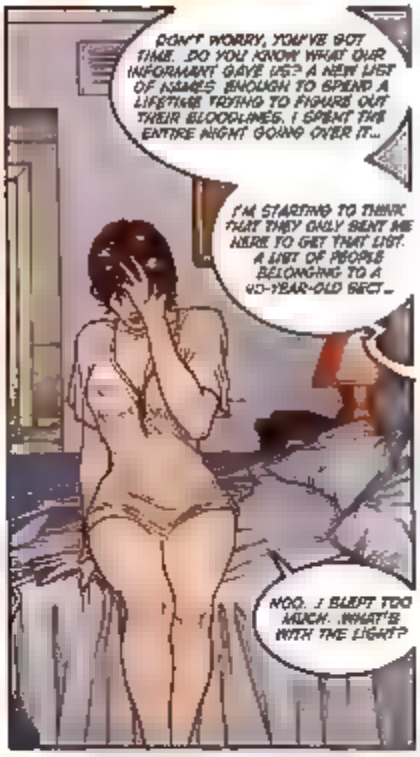
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, AS IF I WAS A LITTLE GIRL. I KNOW THAT I'M VULNERABLE NOW. PLEASE, JUST TELL ME EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT AND I'LL BELIEVE YOU.


WE'RE GOING BACK: YOU TO VENICE, AND ME TO PALERMO...


THEY CALLED EARLY THIS MORNING. YOU WERE SLEEPING. YOU WERE FORGETTING ALL NIGHT TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP. I DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE YOU UP. THE DA CALLED ME IN PERSON TO GIVE ME THE NEWS...
WHAT? SLEPT TOO MUCH. I'M NOT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOUR PLANE SHOULD BE LEAVING TONIGHT. IT'S BEEN ARRANGED. AND FOR ME, A NICE PROMOTION!

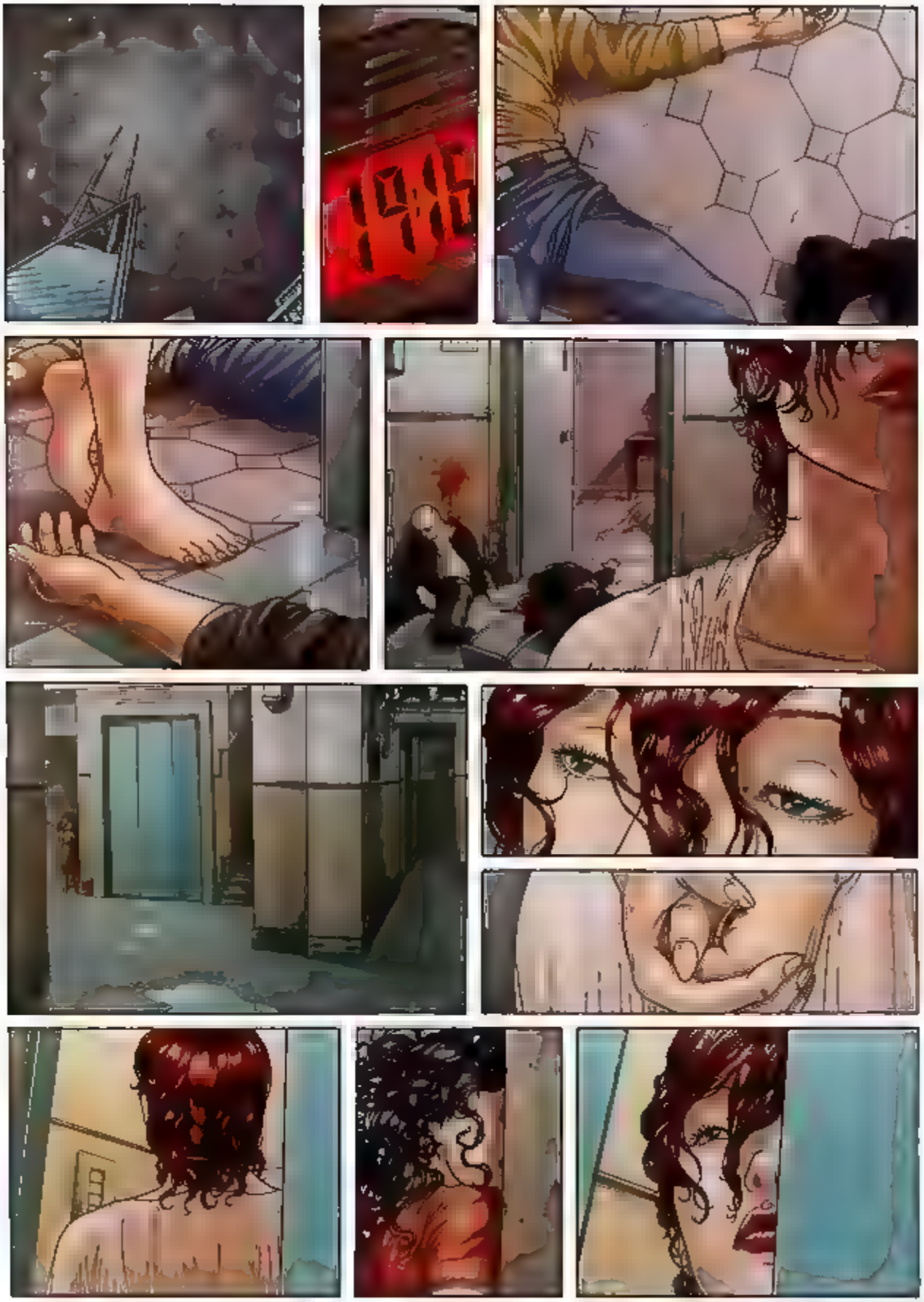

WHAT A BUNCH OF BASTARDS. THEY CALL THAT BUREAUCRACY. A NICE SLAP ON THE BACK, AND THE DA PRETENDS TO BE SATISFIED BUT REALLY DOESN'T WANT ANY SURPRISES IN THE REPORT

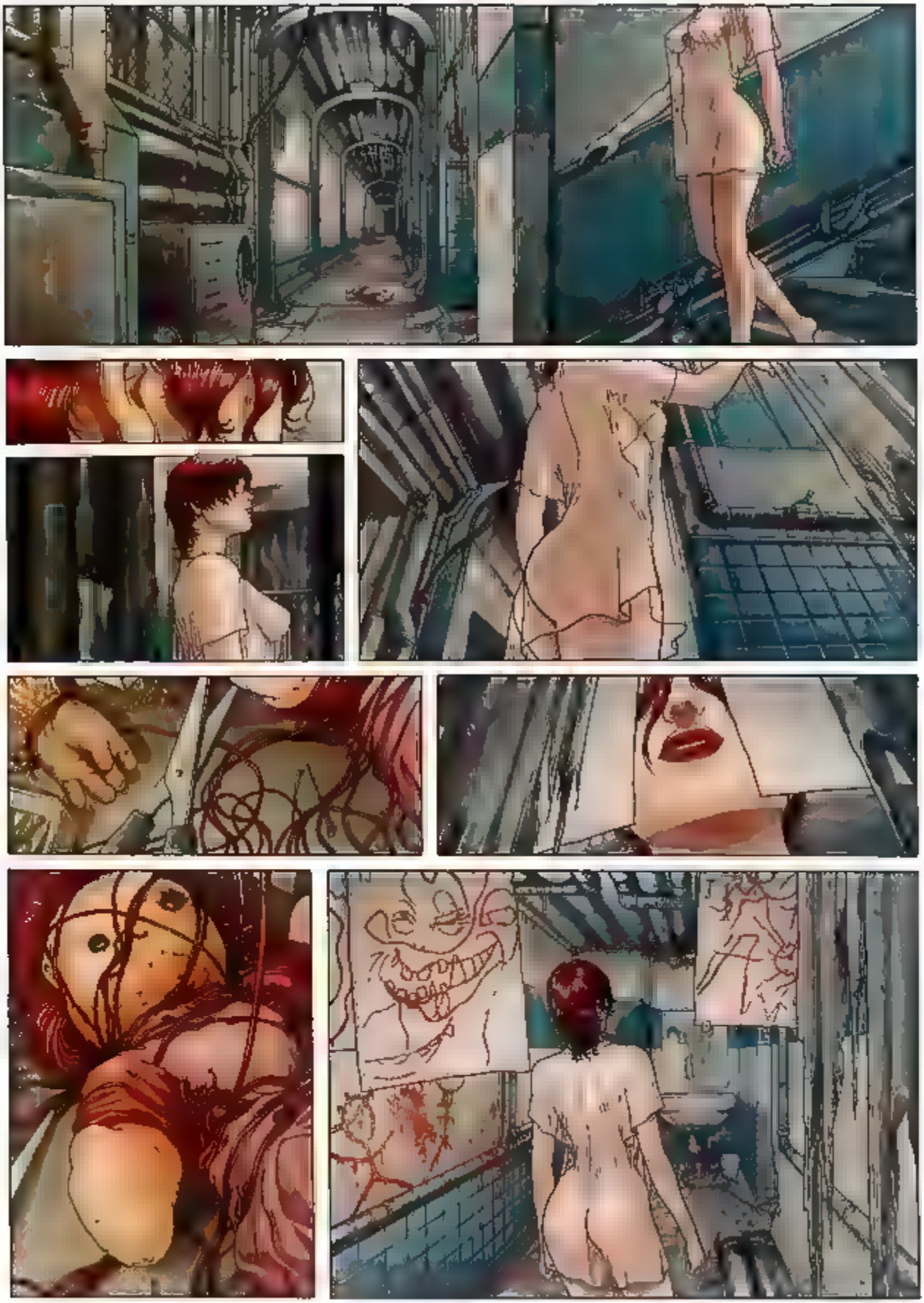
WAT...
WHAT TIME IS IT? IT'S LATE...

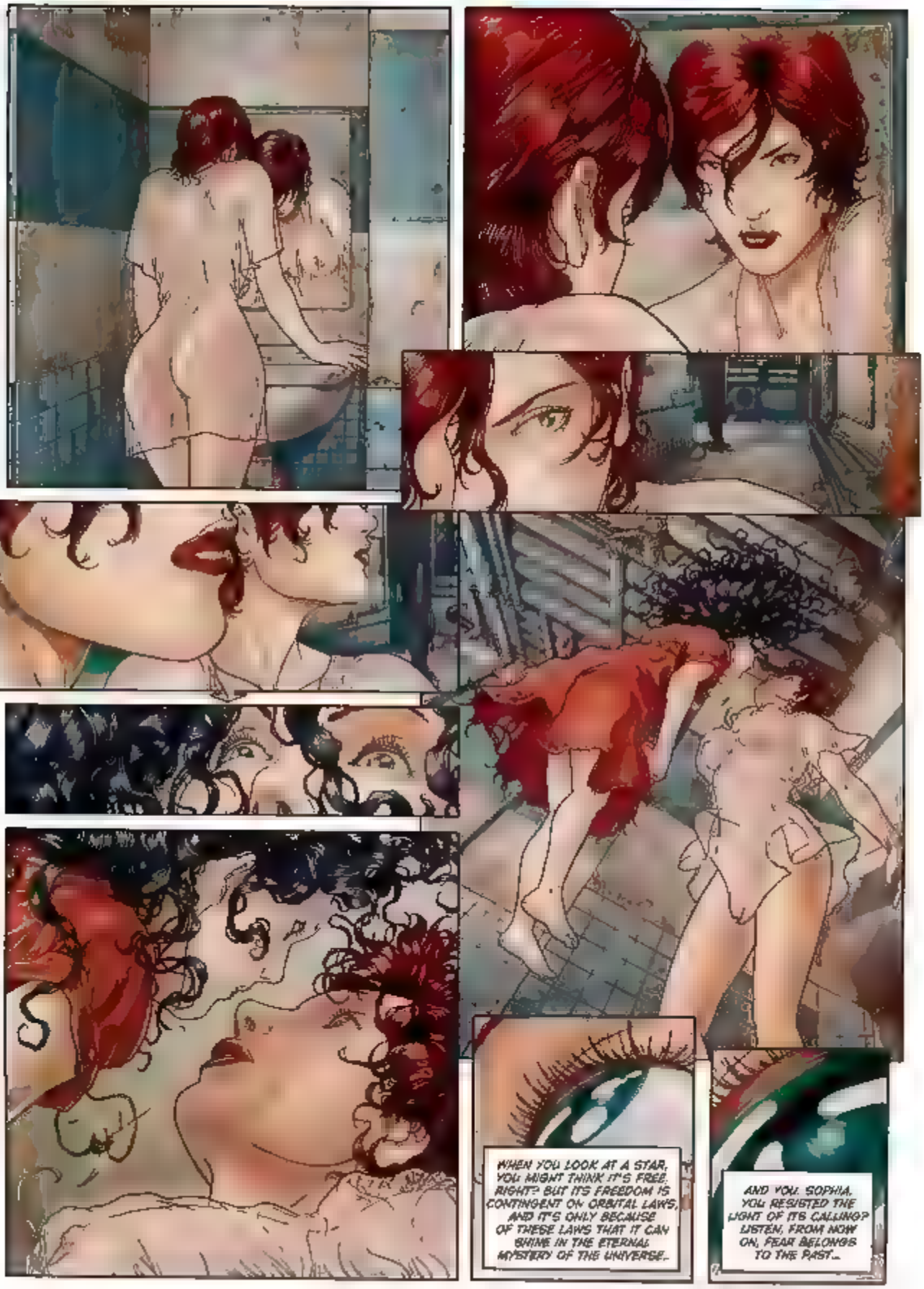

DON'T WORRY, YOU'VE GOT TIME. DO YOU KNOW WHAT OUR INFORMANT GAVE US? A NEW LIST OF NAMES. ENOUGH TO SPEND A LIFETIME TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THEIR BLOODLINES. I SPENT THE ENTIRE NIGHT GOING OVER IT...
I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT THEY ONLY SENT ME HERE TO GET THAT LIST. A LIST OF PEOPLE BELONGING TO A 40-YEAR-OLD SECT...
NOO. I SLEPT TOO MUCH. WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHT?

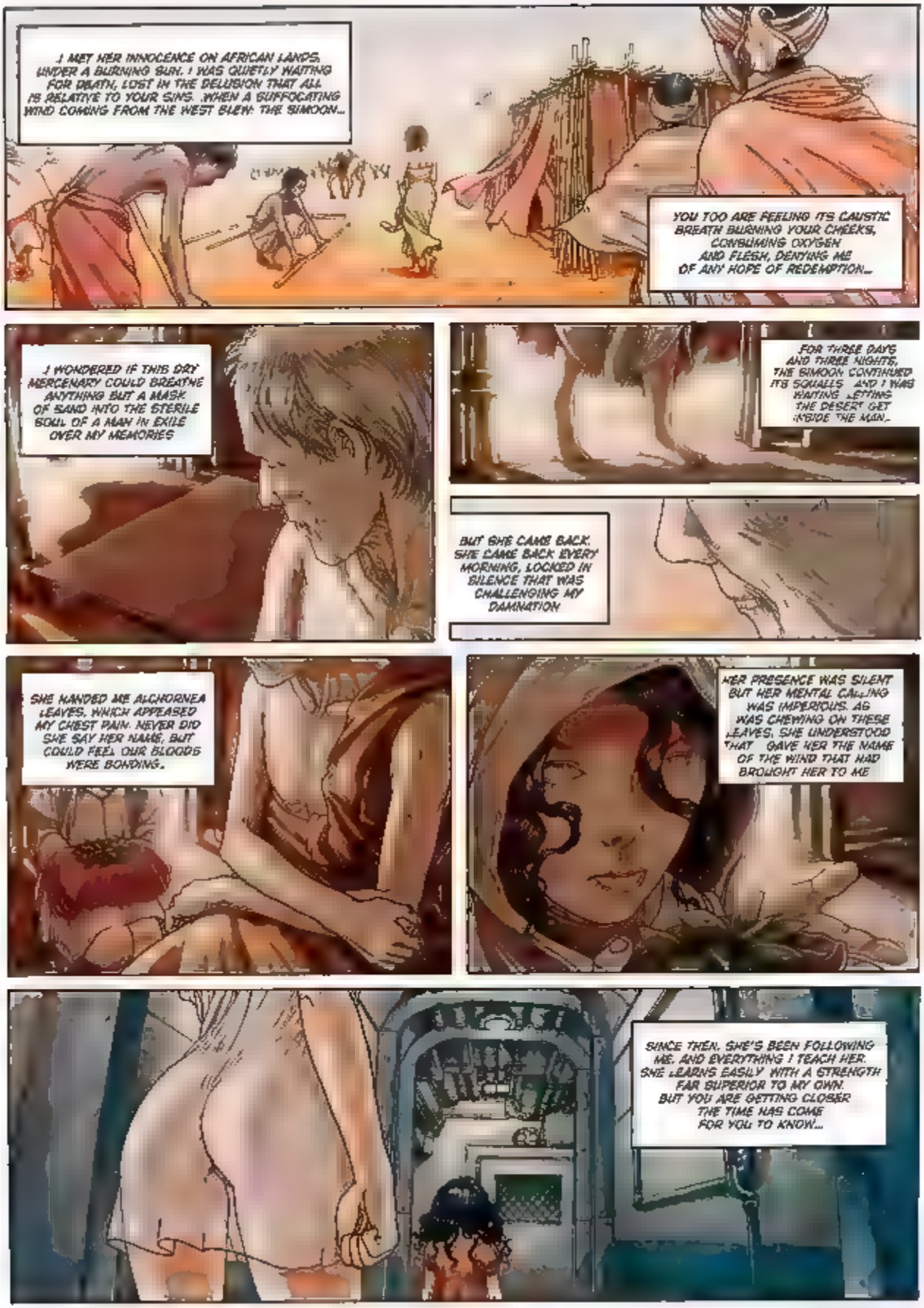
AND YOU, YOU NEVER TALKED ABOUT YOU, ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. HEY. ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
I'M LISTENING, VINCENZO...
...EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE. ORDER WILL PREVAIL IN THIS CHAOS...

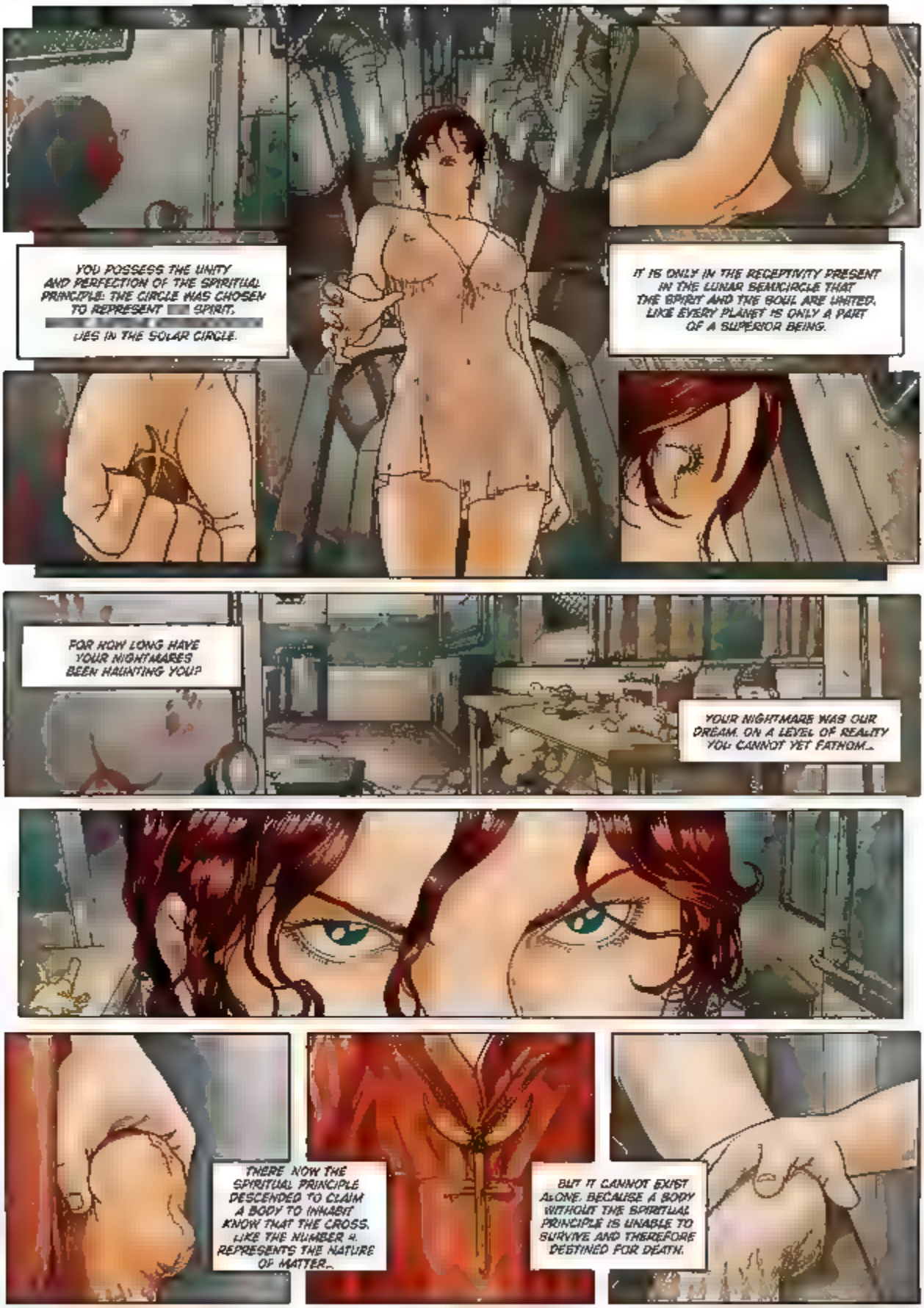
YOUR HANDCUFFS. WHY ARE THEY HERE? YOU DON'T NEED THEM.
IT'S ONLY TO REMIND MYSELF WHO I AM. EVEN IF IT'S ALL OVER NOW. BEFORE WE LEAVE THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW...
LOOK OUTSIDE, I'VE NEVER SEEN THE SUN SHINE SO BRIGHT IN THIS TOWN. THIS TIME IT'S MY TURN TO ASK QUESTIONS, AND WANT YOU TO TELL ME THE TRUTH...
I DON'T USUALLY LIE TO PEOPLE. AND EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I DON'T THINK I COULD RIGHT NOW...
IS THAT WHY YOU CAN'T LOOK AT ME? OTHERS USUALLY LOOK DOWN WHEN THEY LIE. YOU DO IT WHEN YOU ACTUALLY TELL THE TRUTH? I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF ME. WHAT YOU FEEL FOR ME.. AS A WOMAN..
IT'S COMPLICATED DON'T KNOW YOU WELL ENOUGH. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT I THINK. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT SOMETIMES, I LIKE WHAT I FEEL, WHEN I LOOK AT YOU. I CAN JUST LAY EYES ON YOU. AND..
AND...? THEN WHY AREN'T YOU LOOKING AT ME NOW? ARE YOU THAT SHY?
NO, I'M NOT SHY IT'S JUST YOU WHO...
SOPHIA...

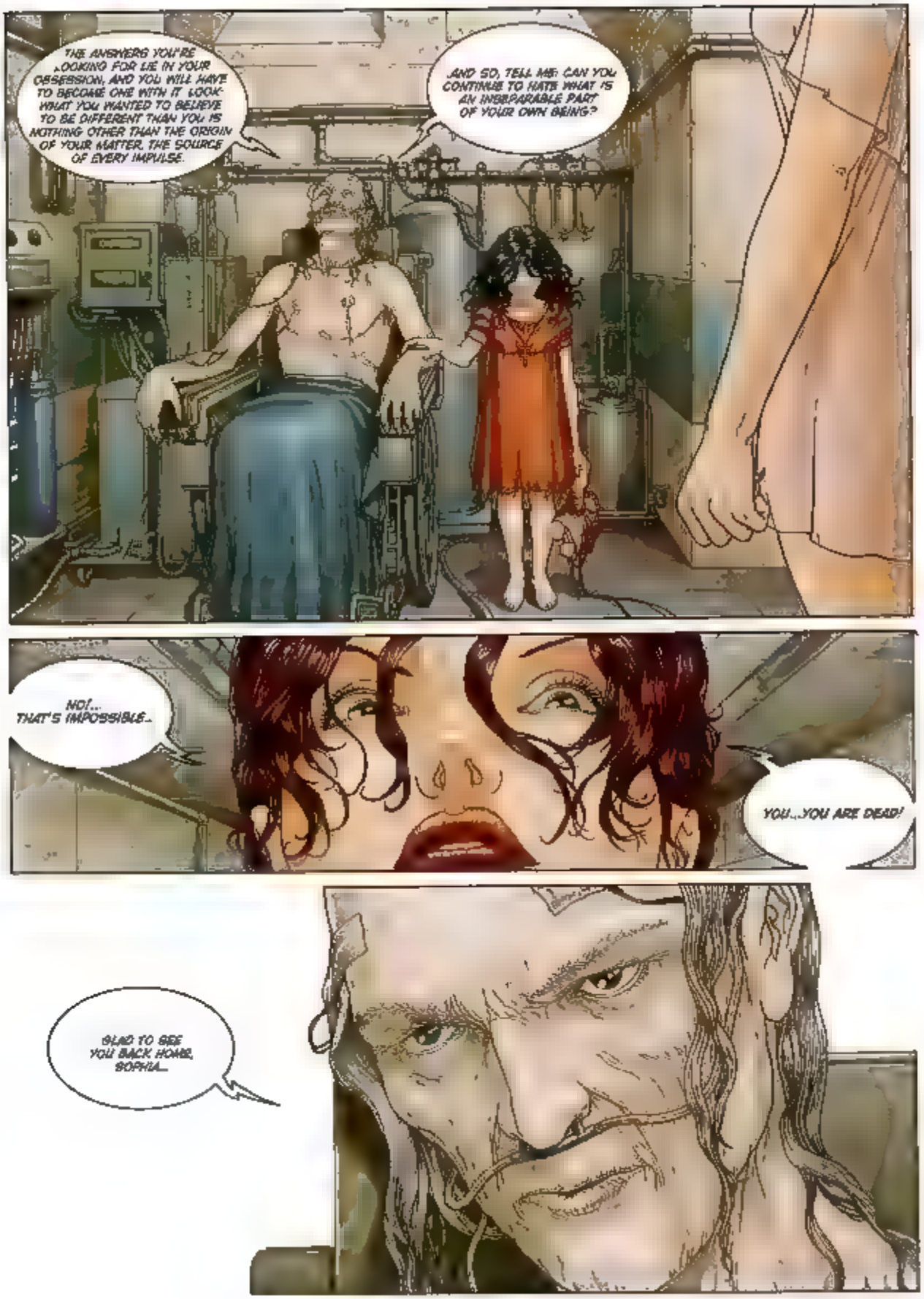





WHEN YOU LOOK AT A STAR, YOU MIGHT THINK IT'S FREE. RIGHT? BUT ITS FREEDOM IS CONTINGENT ON ORBITAL LAWS, AND IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF THESE LAWS THAT IT CAN SHINE IN THE ETERNAL MYSTERY OF THE UNIVERSE.
AND YOU, SOPHIA, YOU RESISTED THE LIGHT OF ITS CALLING? LISTEN, FROM NOW ON, FEAR BELONGS TO THE PAST...


I MET HER INNOCENCE ON AFRICAN LANDS, UNDER A BURNING SUN. I WAS QUIETLY WAITING FOR DEATH, LOST IN THE DELUSION THAT ALL IS RELATIVE TO YOUR SINS. WHEN A SUFFOCATING WIND COMING FROM THE WEST BLEW: THE SIMOON...
YOU TOO ARE FEELING ITS CAUSTIC BREATH BURNING YOUR CHEEKS, CONSUMING OXYGEN AND FLESH, DENYING ME OF ANY HOPE OF REDEMPTION...
I WONDERED IF THIS DRY MERCENARY COULD BREATHE ANYTHING BUT A MASK OF SAND INTO THE STERILE SOUL OF A MAN IN EXILE OVER MY MEMORIES
FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS, THE SIMOON CONTINUED ITS SQUALLS AND I WAS WAITING LETTING THE DESERT GET INSIDE THE MAN...
BUT SHE CAME BACK. SHE CAME BACK EVERY MORNING, LOCKED IN SILENCE THAT WAS CHALLENGING MY DAMNATION
SHE HANDED ME ALCHORNEA LEAVES, WHICH APPEASED MY CHEST PAIN. NEVER DID SHE SAY HER NAME, BUT COULD FEEL OUR BLOODS WERE BONDING.
HER PRESENCE WAS SILENT BUT HER MENTAL CALLING WAS IMPERIOUS. AS I WAS CHEWING ON THESE LEAVES, SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT I GAVE HER THE NAME OF THE WIND THAT HAD BROUGHT HER TO ME
SINCE THEN, SHE'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME, AND EVERYTHING I TEACH HER. SHE LEARNS EASILY WITH A STRENGTH FAR SUPERIOR TO MY OWN. BUT YOU ARE GETTING CLOSER THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO KNOW...


YOU POSSESS THE UNITY AND PERFECTION OF THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE: THE CIRCLE WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT [redacted] SPIRIT.
[redacted] LIES IN THE SOLAR CIRCLE.
IT IS ONLY IN THE RECEPTIVITY PRESENT IN THE LUNAR SEMICIRCLE THAT THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL ARE UNITED. LIKE EVERY PLANET IS ONLY A PART OF A SUPERIOR BEING.
FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOUR NIGHTMARES BEEN HAUNTING YOU?
YOUR NIGHTMARE WAS OUR DREAM, ON A LEVEL OF REALITY YOU CANNOT YET FATHOM...
THERE NOW THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE DESCENDED TO CLAIM A BODY TO INHABIT KNOW THAT THE CROSS, LIKE THE NUMBER 4, REPRESENTS THE NATURE OF MATTER...
BUT IT CANNOT EXIST ALONE. BECAUSE A BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE IS UNABLE TO SURVIVE AND THEREFORE DESTINED FOR DEATH.


THE ANSWERS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR LIE IN YOUR OBSESSION, AND YOU WILL HAVE TO BECOME ONE WITH IT. LOOK: WHAT YOU WANTED TO BELIEVE TO BE DIFFERENT THAN YOU IS NOTHING OTHER THAN THE ORIGIN OF YOUR MATTER, THE SOURCE OF EVERY IMPULSE.
AND SO, TELL ME: CAN YOU CONTINUE TO HATE WHAT IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF YOUR OWN BEING?
NO!... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
YOU...YOU ARE DEAD!
GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK HOME, SOPHIA...

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